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New Knoxville School is more than bricks, cement and green paint; it is the combination of students and staff, sports and studies.

When the components are in balance and in harmony, a spirited school year results. The 1987-88 school year was the beginning of a rise in school spirit because the Ranger teams put forth honest efforts, and students as a whole began to take pride in their school and themselves. The yearbook staff wanted to capture this new-found pride and immortalize it in this book.

We captured the students and staff of New Knoxville Local School on film behind the scenes and in front of the viewers. They gave their all to make the school year a box office smash.

Sit back and enjoy the show.

New Knoxville Local School Memoir, "Take One." Lights! Camera! Action!

— Lori Barber

The juniors tame their voracious appetites long enough to get their picture taken. Guess what day it is?

"Well isn't that special," smirks Ben Schrolucke in his Flip Gender Day costume closely resembling "Saturday Night Live's" Church Lady. Betsy Hoelscher assumes a manly pose for the Pep Club-sponsored Spirit Week activity.

"A little lower . . . now a little to the left," says Phil Kuck as Lori Barber gives him a back massage before advanced math class.

SEPTEMBER: Nineteen-year-old West German pilot Mathais Rust was sentenced to four years in a Soviet labor camp after landing his plane in Red Square.

Americans throughout the nation celebrated the bicentennial of the United States Constitution on September 16.

Sports aficionados were greatly disappointed by the NFL strike. After three scab games, the regular players returned in mid-October.

Actor Lorne Greene, who was best known for his role in *Bonanza*, and jazz choreographer Bob Fosse died in September.

OCTOBER: Judge Robert Bork was turned down for a position on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Eighteen-month-old Jessica McClure had all of America on the edge of their seats for nearly 58 hours before being freed from a 22-foot well into which she had fallen.

The stock market suffered its worst drop since the crash of 1929 on October 19 when it plummeted 508.32 points from 2247.06 to 1738.74.

The Minnesota Twins bested the St. Louis Cardinals in the final game of the World Series, 4-2.

NOVEMBER: Continental Airlines flight 1713 crashed during liftoff from Denver, killing 26 people and injuring 56.

Billionaire Boys' Club, an NBC mini-series based on the most bizarre murder case of the year, was the highest rated mini-series of the year.

The Indianapolis Colts, experiencing their best season ever, received an added bonus when they acquired star running back Eric Dickerson from the Los Angeles Rams.

Fatal Attraction became the second highest grossing movie of the year.

DECEMBER: A fifteen-year-old Wapakoneta youth, Ryan Petty, was found dead in his home by his stepbrother. He died of multiple stab wounds, one in his aorta.

The Cleveland Browns once again clinched the AFC Central Division crown.

Walter Payton, Chicago Bears running back, announced his retirement and was honored in a pregame ceremony at which the Bears retired his number, 34.

Notre Dame's Tim Brown won the Heisman Trophy while Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman captured the Lombardi Award.

JANUARY: The University of Miami Hurricanes overtook Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl to win the college football national championship.

CBS oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired after making racial comments in an interview.

Basketball great Pete Maravich, 40, died of an undetected heart ailment during a pickup basketball game in Pasadena, California. Maravich was the most prolific scorer in the history of college basketball, averaging 44.2 points per game during his three years at LSU.

FEBRUARY: Jimmy Swaggart, television evangelist, admitted to "moral failures" when alleged reports of an affair with a prostitute arose. He was banned from preaching for one year.

Brian Boitano claimed the first of only two U.S. gold medals in Calgary.

Americans sympathized with Olympic speed skater Dan Jansen when, after learning of his sister's death just hours before, he fell to the ice in the 500 meter race. Days later he came back to try again in the 1000 meter event, only to have a reenactment of the previous race.

MARCH: Lt. Colonel Oliver North retired from the Marines.

Protests made it impossible for opposition leaders to remove strongman General Manuel Noriega in Panama.

Bill Cosby remained an entertainment favorite claiming four People's Choice Awards.

APRIL: A Kuwaiti plane was held hostage in Algeria for fourteen days. In this, the longest hijacking ever, three people were killed.

Michael Douglas and Cher received honors for best actor and best actress, respectively at the Academy Awards ceremony.

The Kansas Jayhawks, led by senior sensation Danny Manning, upset the Oklahoma Sooners, 78-73, to clinch the NCAA basketball championship.

Reds' manager Pete Rose was suspended for thirty days for pushing an umpire in a heated game.

MAY: Winning Colors became the third philly ever to win the Kentucky Derby.

The Ohio primary had little significance for the presidential candidates as George Bush and Michael Dukakis were already far ahead in the delegate race.

Aloha Airlines flight 243 enroute to Honolulu made an emergency landing after one third of the 737's roof blew off. A flight attendant was killed and sixty-one passengers were injured in the crash.

— Laurie Merges

Academics

For a scholar everything is a "Take One" because no two learning experiences will ever be identical. Excelling academic students aren't the only scholars. Anyone who finds and grasps a chance to learn is a scholar. To be willing to risk a "cool" image for the sake of an education is a commendable characteristic.

Teachers at New Knoxville experience the "Take One" situation every day. Nothing is ever certain except that the students will complain no matter what the teacher does.

At New Knoxville both students and teachers are exposed to learning and growing.

— Lori Barber

"I know the answer," says Jonathan Lepinski, "but I'd rather get my picture taken."

Matt Lammers is either carefully concentrating to get the most out of his English literature assignment . . . or sleeping. Matt Condon, however, seems intent on his work.

"Dr. Frankenstein, we did it," Eric Gabel appears to say to Daniel Allen while making a plaster of paris body cast during new dimensional art.

Take One

Laurie Merges diligently works on a layout in publications class to make sure your yearbook gets to your door on time.

"Well, they should have the right to pull the plug," says junior Amy Thompson to classmates Debby Bambauer, Jenny Horstman, and Heather Coffin during a debate on euthanasia during College English II.

"Now what am I supposed to do?" says Jason Quillen as he stares blankly into a computer screen during open house.

"Is that really me?" asks freshman Jodi Wyatt of Lori Piehl while looking at old yearbook pictures on display in the English room during open house.

All decked out, three-month-old Ryan Epperly supports his dad, Mr. Michael Epperly, by wearing a miniature tuxedo to match his father's at the open house spring concert.

High school curriculum changes

College prep, business or vocational — there are different approaches to scheduling classes, but is there much choice? Lack of a myriad of electives doesn't bother all students. Junior Jeff Lehman said, "I just wing it. I pretty much know what classes I've got to take because I'm going to college. I just fill in the rest of the classes, the ones that sound interesting or fun."

Most students, however, clamor about the lack of electives every spring while filling out their schedules. To allay these protests extra options were made available for next year: psychology, drama, public speaking, calculus, geology, computer literacy and family living.

Before these new classes were added, Heather Coffin, a junior, had planned on attending the Wright State Lake Campus in Celina her senior year, but has decided to stay at New Knoxville all day in order to be able to fit in calculus. Even though not all students will be able to take one of the new classes, most feel the addition is very positive.

— Lori Barber

Matt Hoelscher carefully peruses his class choices as he prepares his schedule for his senior year.

Buckeye Girls State Delegates: Jill Leffel and Laurie Merges. Buckeye Boys State Delegate: Phil Kuck.

Buckeye Girls State: A lifetime experience

Posters, signs, chants, and rhymes are just some of the things one may experience if she walks down the halls of Ashland College dormitories during the summer. Campaigning for an office and upholding "city" pride make for an exciting week at Buckeye Girls State, a program sponsored by the American Legion Auxillary, designed to create a governmental atmosphere for some of America's selected youth.

For seven days (nine days at Buckeye Boys State at Bowling Green State University), the campus of Ashland College becomes a functioning system of government. The college is turned into a state with girls from both the Nationalist and Federalist Parties campaigning for the governor's office. Meanwhile, each girl is placed in a "city." Some of them set their eyes on becoming the mayor of their cities. Before the end of the week, everyone holds either a state or local office, whether it is governor, state school board, city council, or even dog catcher. The State Highway Patrol also trains girls to patrol the cities throughout the week.

Friendships also develop from the Girls State experience. When the girls are placed in their "cities," they are mixed with girls from several different hometowns. They learn to get along and form friendships that last a lifetime.

At the end of the seven-day stay, many tears are shed. This learning experience teaches the girls more than just how the government works. It helps them decide if they would like to be an active part of our government as they become older. This, combined with the friendships that are made, provide for an experience that is remembered a lifetime.

— Laurie Merges

Juniors Lisa Wibbeler and Beth Lammers both agree that chemistry is their favorite class of the day. It's right before lunch.

Lunchtime cramming is a favorite pastime for many students. Daniel Allen demonstrates how NOT to study for a test.

Sophomore Matt Lammers explains the effects of alcohol to senior Brian Lammers at the local science fair. Matt went on to compete at the district level.

"See, it looks just like the real Stonehenge." Eric Gabel proudly displays his edible project in Mrs. Titus's fine arts class. It was made of brownies.

Patriotism through knowledge

This year, as in years past, juniors and seniors participated in the American Legion-sponsored Americanism Test. Each year the tests are graded, and the top boy and top girl in each class is advanced to the county competition with the winners continuing in the state competition.

This year was without exception, singling out Christa Henschen and Brian Lammers as the winners in the senior class and Lori Barber and Matthew Gilfillen in the junior class.

But what exactly is the reason for taking the test? According to history teacher and administrator of the test, Mr. Charles Rowen, "The purpose of the test is to give an indication of how much students know about American history and government and how well they understand the Constitution." Also included on the test are questions concerning state symbols and flag etiquette.

Although some students may feel that the test questons are "not pertinent to life," they reestablish knowledge of American freedoms and of democratic justice.

— Jenni Pierson

Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement-Row 1: Physics: Phil Kuck; English 9: Lori Piehl, Carrie Kuck (16 in district, Division III); English 10: Gina Lepinski, Beth Heidt (honorable mention in district, Division III); Chemistry: Beth Lammers. Row 2: Social studies: Heather Wietholter; English 11: Lori Barber (3 in district and 12 in state, Division III; 5 in district regardless of school size), Heather Coffin (15 in district, Division III); English 12: Laurie Merges (10 in district, Division III), Rachel Wilson; Chemistry: Lisa Wibbeler. Row 3: Social studies: Christa Henschen; Algebra 1: Monika Renfrow, Paul Wilson (honorable mention in district, Division III); Algebra 2: Matthew Gilfillen (honorable mention in district, Division III), Chad Wyatt (honorable mention in district, Division III). Row 4: Geometry: Matthew Condon, Ralph Wierwille; Advanced math: Mike Novean; Biology: Chad Thobe, Fred Homan. Not pictured: General science: Stephen Bargdill, Jon Lepinski.

Achievement test gives challenge

What makes students get up early one Saturday morning and lose some precious sleep? Every May high school students who are outstanding in one of sixteen subjects are bussed to St. Marys to take the Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement. The subjects of these tests are in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, and foreign language and are sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education and the Division of Guidance and Testing.

One question still remains though. Why?

"It looks very good on college applications when a person ranks in the state," commented Lori Barber who has taken the tests in English three years and placed in the state the last two years.

"I don't enjoy taking the tests, but I know that it's a good experience, and maybe I'll learn something," said Heather Wietholter.

Social studies teacher, Mr. Charles Rowen, sees many benefits to the test. "It gives the kids a chance to compete academically with neighboring schools."

— Jeff Lehman

Jennifer Wessel, Shannon Egbert and Stacy Tinnerman play Deutschlandreise in German II. The game is played by traveling through the country. The one to return first to his city wins.

If language is no barrier, what is?

As Americans, we tend to be very self-centered. We see ourselves as the most powerful country with the best way of doing things. This sort of patriotism is one of our greatest qualities as well as one of our biggest faults. As tourists and even diplomats in foreign nations, we hold our host countries and their language, government, and customs in low regard. We expect others to understand us when we make no effort toward understanding them.

It is the goal of the German Club sponsoring Foreign Language Week to reverse this attitude. Each year the German Club organizes a week of classroom activities and contests for grades K-12, which are geared toward teaching students about the world around them. Some of these activities include announcements made in foreign languages, costume contests, poster and essay contests based on the week's theme, and classroom time set aside for learning about foreign countries.

So far Foreign Language Week has been a failure. The German Club had done everything in its power to increase participation, but to no avail. "People just don't want to participate. Maybe next year we'll have to come up with something else instead of a Foreign Language Week," said Mrs. Cheryl Davis. Could this be another example of the snobbish American attitude of superiority?

The idea behind Foreign Language Week is a very important one. If we fail to rise above our self-centeredness, America may be left behind in a rapidly growing world.

— Jenni Pierson

Lori Barber discusses the possible answers to a question with Laurie Merges and Rachel Wilson and Heather Coffin (not pictured) during a Scholastic Bowl practice.

Scholastic team puts forth effort

Faster than a TI-57, more powerful than a think tank and able to compute difficult math problems in thirty seconds — it's the New Knoxville Scholastic Bowl Team.

Well, to be honest, as a member of the 1988 team, I can say we didn't quite meet those specifications, but participants put forth an honest effort.

The team of Laurie Merges, Rachel Wilson, Lori Barber and Heather Coffin competed against Bluffton High School on March 21 at the Wright State Lake Campus. Questions came from the areas of current events, fine arts, English, history, science and mathematics. Each question had an answering time limit of ten seconds except computational mathematics, which allowed thirty seconds.

Despite a 20-10 loss to Bluffton, eventual finalists in the competition, the team felt competing was a good experience. "I thought it was fun," said Heather Coffin, "but sort of embarrassing." Heather would have liked more practice time in additon to lunch period practices so that, "... we would have known what they (the questions) were talking about."

— Lori Barber

"You better not cut my arm!" exclaims senior Rachel Wilson as Shawn Egbert carefully saws away a plaster cast from Rachel's arm. The fourth period art class did plaster casts as a class project.

First grader Tiffany Brown proudly shows her father Dennis her papers at open house. They are surrounded by cardboard bodies that the students made while studying the human internal organs, a traditional first grade project.

John Reed awed the entire student body during an assembly in which he shared his personal experience with drunk driving.

Scholastic Bowl Team — Row 1 - Competitors: Rachel Wilson, Heather Coffin, Laurie Merges, Lori Barber. Row 2-Alternates: Chad Wyatt, Paul Wilson, Heather Wietholter, Mike Novean.

"I would definitely recommend this for other New Knoxville students. I learned so much about the government from all of the speakers." — Christa Henschen

D.C. or bust

Sponsored by numerous local organizations, senior Christa Henschen was given the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. She participated in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. Open to high school juniors and seniors, this program attempts "to get citizens active, involved, and knowledgeable about the processes of government."

For one week, from February 20 to 27, Christa and about 465 other students met with their congressmen, attended seminars to listen to various speakers, and did some sightseeing. People literally came from all over. Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the U.S. sent students. The varied backgrounds and cultures helped with making contrasting views and opinions.

"Many political ideas and issues were discussed throughout the week to help us learn about the issues, political jobs, and people's views in the government." Christa added, "It (the Presidential Classroom) gave a personal and inside view of many of the issues facing the men and women in the government."

— Rachel Wilson

Christa Henschen poses with Congressman Michael Oxley while attending the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C.

Army reserve honors scholar athletes

The National Scholar/Athlete Award, given by the United States Army Reserve, is very notable. One female and one male from the junior and senior classes who are outstanding in both academic and athletic achievements are the recipients of this award.

"When we first started this award four years ago, there were very few students eligible," said Mrs. Janean Oberlander, who helped initiate the honor. "This year there were several more, and I think that says a lot for our athletes and their interest in academics."

To be eligible for this award, the student must letter in at least one varsity sport and maintain a grade point average of at least a 3.0.

"It's a great honor, and the hard work is starting to pay off," said junior Chad Wyatt, the male winner. He plays baseball and basketball and runs cross country.

Christa Henschen, a senior cheerleader, was the female winner. "With an award that recognizes both scholastic and athletic achievement," she said, "it gives me the incentive to work hard in both."

— Jeff Lehman

Students of the year-Front row: Art: Julie Schroer; Business and Industrial technology: Kipp Katterheinrich; English: Matthew Gilfillen; German: Beth Heidt; Home economics: Darlene Rupert. Back row: Music: Debby Bambauer; Physical education: Scott Welch; Social studies: Christa Henschen; Eighth grade: Mark Prueter; Seventh grade: Daniel Gilfillen. Not pictured: Science: Mike Novean; Math: Barry Kuck.

Seniors Heather Wietholter and Rachel Wilson received the President's Academic Fitness Award for earning a 3.3 GPA and ranking in the 80th percentile on the ACT or the SAT.

Lori Barber garnered first place out of 192 entries in the Lima Area Writers' Club poetry contest with her poem "After the Rain."

*Honor students-**Row 1**: Monika Renfrow, Gina Lepinski, Beth Heidt, Rachel Wilson. **Row 2**: Lori Barber, Matthew Gilfillen, Beth Lammers, Chad Wyatt.*

It's a living sculpture. Senior Thomas Lepinski loaned his head to the new dimensional art class for an in-class project. Senior Heather Wietholter and junior Tracy Hengsteler remove Thomas's cast.

Junior Jenni Pierson carefully selects her classes for her senior year.

Juniors Beth Lammers, Jeff Lehman, and Jenni Pierson give their arguments against the right to die during a college English II class debate on euthanasia.

Senior Mark Lageman, just returning from baseball practice, successfully presents his science fair project on the "Facts of the Car Battery." Mark rated a superior and went on to districts.

College costs don't have to be painful

College is a popular option for many seniors. But meeting the high cost of college can be a burden.

To help students meet these costs, many scholarship, grant, and loan programs have been developed. The most popular financial aid program is the College Scholarship Program. After filling out the Financial Aid Form (FAF), the program then determines the amount of money a student will be distributed.

Guidance counselor, Diana Farno, explained, "The money is distributed in a package deal. They give some to the student in the form of a grant, some in the form of a loan, and some in the form of on-campus jobs."

Parents can also help students get through school. "I applied for several scholarships and filled out the Financial Aid Form," said Ohio University-bound Laurie Merges. "My parents are going to pay for some of it, but I will have to pay them back."

If a student can receive some grants and loans and also receive help from the College Scholarship Program and parents, the pain of college costs could be lessened.

Senior Brian Lammers carefully studies the extensive financial aid forms he must fill out before going to college.

"It was hard. I was brain dead for the rest of the day. Although it gave me a headache, taking the ACT was a good and necessary experience."

— Matthew Gilfillen

ACT and SAT

Easy to spell, but not to take

You have 40 minutes to complete this portion of the test," instructs a serious, but blank-faced woman. "If you finish before the time is up, you may check your work in this section only."

Tick tock, tick tock. Time rolls by as you try to answer the seemingly superfluous number of questions.

Does this sound familiar? It probably does to anyone who has been courageous enough to brave an ACT or SAT test or both. Each test score is influential in the decision-making process as colleges study applications.

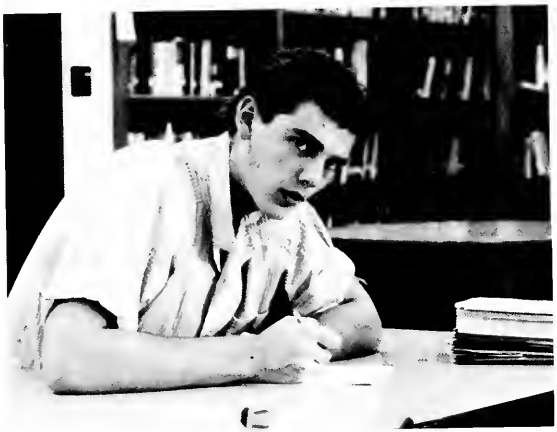
Before taking the ACT, some people are uneasy. "I guess I'm a little nervous," said junior Debby Bambauer. "It's one of the most important tests I'm going to take." Fortunately, it is available to retake if someone is disappointed in his or her first score.

True, it does affect some people more than others. Senior Phil Kuck claims he was "brain dead for the next entire week."

However, there is one definite advantage to taking these tests. The students who have grades that are not quite top notch, but are not bad either, can benefit. By scoring high, these students can still gain scholarships and thus gain easier access to colleges.

Taking ACT's and SAT's may not be the most exciting weekend event, but the tests certainly do the college-bound students some good.

— Rachel Wilson



"Do you know the answers?" asks junior Jeff Lehman while taking a practice ACT test. Jeff, who took both tests in the spring, claimed the SAT was the easier of the two.

Mr. Martin Rehmert
Superintendent

Mrs. Annett Kuck
Principal

Mrs. Janice Schumacher
Secretary

Mrs. Marcia Wierwille
Treasurer

Mrs. Judy Grimes
Secretary

Mrs. Diana Farno
Guidance, Health
Physical Education

Mr. Steve Trout
Science
Physical Education
Athletic Director

Always giving a hand, band and music teacher, Mr. Micha Epperly, joins first trumpets Chad Wyatt and Jenny Wessel to su plement the sound of the high school band during the winter co cert.

Mr. Greg Bornhorst
Physical Sciences
Business Math

Mr. Craig Bowsher
Industrial Technology
Mechanical Drawing

Mr. Charles Braden
Mathematics
High School Computers

Mrs. Cheryl Davis
German

Mr. Michael Epperly
Vocal and Instrument
Music

Mrs. Marna Katerheinrich
Elementary & H.S. Reading

Mrs. Joan Kentner
Librarian, English 9

Mrs. Karen Lehmkuhl
Home Economics

Mrs. Janean Oberland
English, Publications

First year brings AGONY & ECSTASY

School — a learning experience. This statement stands true for teachers as well as students. Many students think that going to school is difficult and that they are constantly being taught something. But what about teachers? What do they think of school — more exactly, their first year of teaching?

Mrs. Karen Lehmkuhl, our only first-year teacher, calls her first year "very challenging and very busy." Mrs. Lehmkuhl (pictured below) teaches home economics for half a day.

A teacher's first year isn't always fun and games, however. Many teachers look back on their first year and recall the horror of it. "I didn't know anything. I had 165 students and collected everything they did. There were stacks of paper I threw in the garbage and never graded," said Mrs. Janean Oberlander of her first year of teaching in Cincinnati. Science teacher, Mr. Steve Trout, thought his first year to be "a waste." "I was ready to quit at the end of it," commented Mrs. Cheryl Davis.

The first year of teaching may be hard and at times discouraging, but it is still satisfying and rewarding in many ways. "My first year was a dream come true. The excitement of doing things I had been taught in college was a natural high," was Mrs. Dana Brown's positive comment about her first year of teaching.

— Glen Bechara

New Knoxville Board of Education: Gary Schrolucke, Tom Fledderjohann, Bruce Eschmeyer, Ted Lammers, Eugene Opperman Jr., Bruce Hoge.

Incentive programs — A first in elementary

"The following students were caught being good . . . " This familiar phrase preceded all other announcements on Monday mornings and may have even become mundane to the high school students. But to the students in grades 1-6, these words meant something special. Stickers, bookmarks, or maybe even a meal at a local restaurant were some of the awards given to students who were caught being good.

Initiated in October, the Caught Being Good program was designed to reward students for being polite, kind, and giving an extra hand to teachers and other students. "The program puts a strong emphasis on positive reinforcement," stated Principal Annett Kuck. "The kids were given discipline slips when they caused trouble, but there was nothing to reward them for being good. We needed a program that would balance the scales."

Students are issued tickets when they are caught being good. On Fridays they take their tickets into the principal's office, and Mrs. Kuck then exchanges the tickets for either a sticker or a bookmark. "The reason we have the kids come to my office is so they can see the principal on a positive note. When someone has to come to the principal's office, he usually thinks he has done something wrong. I want to let the kids know that this is not true."

The program has created an incentive for students. "The classes want to be good," said Mrs. Kuck. It has proven effective as the percentage of students without any discipline slips has increased.

Creating incentives academically, the Star Award Program has helped motivate kids to get good grades. Although there has been no drastic increase from last year, Kuck feels the program is effective. "I think the program pushes the students to work harder."

Incentive programs like these are designed to promote a positive attitude towards school. The keys to success in high school lie in having positive experiences in the elementary grades, and programs such as Caught Being Good and the Star Awards help to provide those positive experiences.

— Laurie Merges

Mr. Craig Bowsher and Mrs. Joan Kentner enjoy taking part in the spirit competition between the boys and the girls. Although the girls were named the winners, both received a pie in the face.

Teachers discuss first day of school

"When I was a kid, I was scared to death on the first day of school. I was also disappointed because I had to miss 'Captain Kangaroo.' I thought he could teach me everything I needed to know," said Miss Deborah Heil of her very first day of school. She no longer relies on Captain Kangaroo for education, but is a teacher herself. Now she feels excited on her first day of school every year. Thinking of new ideas and meeting new students makes her pretty wound up.

A kindergarten teacher has her share of work on the first day of school. Mrs. Mary Bensman comes up with an interesting new theme every year. For example, with a theme involving bears, a path of bear footprints would be placed in the hallway for simple directions to the room. Before school actually starts, she holds an open house for the parents and new students to become acquainted with the room. Then she holds a meeting for the parents, giving them an idea of what to expect.

Overall, the teachers are excited on the first day of school. Many said it was the same when they were kids. Each one works hard to make the first day fun and comfortable for everyone involved.

— Rachel Wilson

"I was excited about the first day of school this year because I was starting an elementary guidance program."

— Diana Farno

Bowsher remembers first whack

Of all forms of punishment used in schools, corporal punishment is by far the most controversial.

"I used to make sure the kid knew that he had been hit," said Mr. Craig Bowsher of giving whacks.

Mr. Bowsher, known for giving memorable whacks, remembers the first time he had to use corporal punishment. "It was for the mistreatment of tools, and I was extremely mad," he said.

From that time on, he was known for giving whacks that were not soon forgotten until he had a conversation with a student which he had disciplined by the use of corporal punishment. While talking with the student, Mr. Bowsher found out that the whack had left a huge bruise.

"I never realized that I was hitting the student that hard," said Mr. Bowsher.

After this, he "cooled down quite a bit" and doesn't hit as hard. Mr. Bowsher said he doesn't like to use corporal punishment, but in certain situations, he feels it is necessary.

— Jeff Lehman

"Pucker up!" Mr. Charles Rowen raised $51.75 in the FHA Kiss the Pig contest. He had the pleasure of smooching the pig while Mr. Greg Bornhorst, who probably had the hardest part, held it.

Mr. Charles Rowen
Social Studies

Mrs. Evalyn Schultz
Business Education

Mrs. Joyce Titus
Art I-12

Mrs. Janice George
Elementary PE
JH Reading, English 8

Mr. Malvin George
JH Social Studies
JH Math, English 7

Mrs. Thelma Arnett
Grade 1A

Mrs. Mary Bensman
Kindergarten

Mrs. Dana Brown
Grade 2A

Miss Deb Heil
Grade 1B

Mrs. Ruth Henschen
Grade 5, Gifted

Mrs. Ruth Kuck
Grade 4A

Mrs. Karen Meyer
Grade 4B

Mrs. Luanne Powell
Grade 2B

Mrs. Marlene Prenger
Grade 3

Mrs. Kaye Wint
Grade 6

Mrs. Betty Hansbrough
Learning Disabilities

Mrs. Linda Niemeyer
Instructional Aide

"I was impressed with the attitude of the students. They were positive and easy to work with. I felt that the school was really geared to benefit the students. The grading scale, discipline plans, and the school atmosphere certainly benefit the students."
— Charles Rowen

First years of teaching leave definite impressions

First impressions never die. They are the one thing that really sticks in anyone's mind for a long time. Every teacher has different feelings toward his or her first impression of school whether it be as a teacher or a student.

Mrs. Joyce Titus came to New Knoxville in 1963 from a big school in Columbus, North High. "It was small," she said of New Knoxville. "I was amazed at how clean it was. The cleanliness of it really impressed me."

Mrs. Diana Farno, who came from a large school in Dayton, also noticed the size. "I was excited. It's so much smaller," she said. "I prefer the smaller school. It's a great place to work."

Mr. Craig Bowsher, who came as a first-year teacher 10 years ago, said things are quite different from his first year. "The discipline was tremendously bad. The grading scale was easy, and there was no set grading scale. The students had little respect."

Not everyone entered the school the first time as a teacher. Mrs. Dana Brown first came here as a student and then came back in 1986 as a teacher. Her first impression of school as a student was "that of any five-year-old. The first day of kindergarten was overwhelming, and I didn't know where Mom had gone." Mrs. Brown found the school in 1986 quite different from the one Mr. Bowsher found in 1978. "I know the students are cared about. The assertive discipline program is great, and it is beneficial to know the staff and administration are involved in the discipline program."

— By Angel Robinson

"Aw. Finally I can sit back and relax," says Mr. Martin Rehmert, school superintendent, as he joined the entire school during Right to Read Week by dropping everything and reading for fifteen minutes every day.

Proms change very little

Prom night, 1962. The New Knoxville School auditorium had been transformed into Rome with blue, white and lilac decorations, Gothic arches, grape arbors with climbing wisteria and a fountain on the south end. Being in Rome, the servers did as the Romans by wearing togas. Silver chalices were given to those in attendance.

After advising twenty-eight junior classes on the prom, Mrs. Joyce Titus, art teacher and Junior Class home room adviser, remembers Roman Holiday because it was the first prom she advised at New Knoxville. Mrs. Titus commented that proms haven't changed very much from 1962.

One addition to prom that Mrs. Titus feels has been positive is after-prom. Too often students would leave the prom about 9:45 p.m. to go to Toledo or Dayton, but now it is safer and more economically feasible to attend the after-prom now provided by the Junior Class parents. The first school-sponsored after-prom consisted of a drive-in movie followed by breakfast at the school; however, students have enjoyed for about the last ten years various activities, such as going to the YMCA, Racquetball Club or other similar facilities.

Mrs. Titus noted that in the past three years proms have become more elaborate because money that before would have been used for a class trip is being spent on prom.

— Lori Barber

Harold Quickle
Custodian

Beverly Fledderjohann
Bus driver

Sue Lehman
Judy Hoelscher
Bus drivers

Jack Kuck
Bus driver

Sandy Curts
Cook

Marilee Eversman
Cook

Carol Schroer
Cook

Phyllis Schneider
Custodian

Pick those knees up high," says Mrs. Janice George. Actually Mrs. George is participating in the FHA Student Body excercise. A few of the FHA members did some mousercise routines with the elementary students.

Mrs. Kay Teeters, junior and senior high learning disabilities tutor, spends a few minutes reading for pleasure during Right to Read Week in early March.

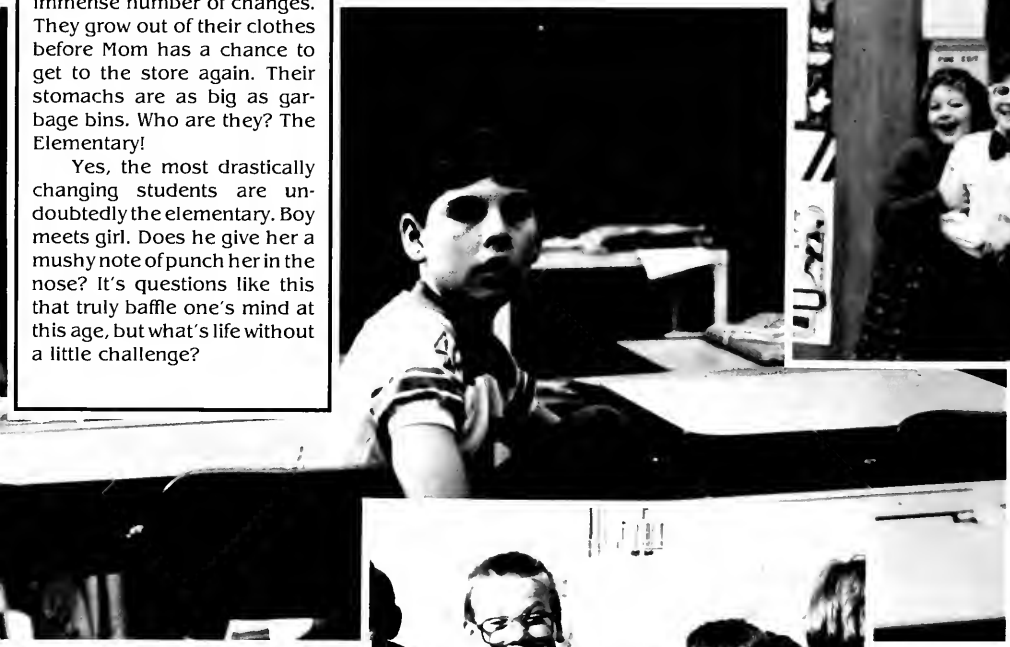
The biggest snowfall of the season occurred March 3. It gave the students a welcome respite on Friday, but created lots of works for janitor Harold Quickle the day before as he prepares the sidewalks for dismissal.

Elementary

They range from three and one half to five and one half feet tall. They go through an immense number of changes. They grow out of their clothes before Mom has a chance to get to the store again. Their stomachs are as big as garbage bins. Who are they? The Elementary!

Yes, the most drastically changing students are undoubtedly the elementary. Boy meets girl. Does he give her a mushy note of punch her in the nose? It's questions like this that truly baffle one's mind at this age, but what's life without a little challenge?

Fourth graders Pamela Vordermark, Julie Leffel and Kelli Jones participate in Nerd Day.



Todd Elsass is one of sixteen fourth graders occupying the old reading lab in the basement.

Balloons in hand, Ryan Tinnerman and Luke Schrolucke anticipate the balloon release. All of the elementary participated in honor of Right to Read Week, signifying high-flying readers.

First graders this year took time out to study a variety of animals closely. Bears were one part of these studies. To finish this off, they celebrated bears by each bringing a stuffed bear to school.

Kindergarten

Greg Ballweg
Quincy Ballweg
Alexis Blake
Billie Rae Bliss
Teresa Bradford
Michelle Burton
A.J. Chalk

David Clark
Laura Drinkwine
Bruce Fetzer
Kelly Field
Carolyn Fischer
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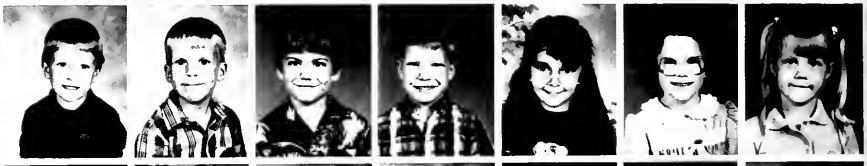
Curtis Gabel

Victor Gluckin
Kyle Grew
Tim Herbst
Brad Hoge
Leighann Jones
Nancy Kruse
Katrina Kuck



Elizabeth Linder
Bridget McCullough
Kevin Mertz
Katie Powalski
Betsy Rodeheffer
Andy Roettger
Heather Rose

Craig Rowe
Erinn Russell
John Schafer
Mandy Schroer
Jeremy Sowma
Melissa Stiles
Paul Vamo

Ben Wierwille
Becky Wierwille
John Wierwille
Ryan Zelov
Not Pictured
Jake Curl
Rachel Giles

Mrs. Linda Niemeyer shows some curious kindergartners how to steam apples. The youngsters also bobbed for apples as part of their Halloween festivities.

"My favorite thing to do is play in gym. I like to be in class with all the kids."

— Jeremy Sowma

Bugs Bunny #1 choice

Bugs Bunny was the favorite cartoon character among this year's kindergartners. Most yougsters based their choices on humor.

Cartoon characters with special accouterments also ranked well. Curtis Gable reported that his favorites were the *Ghostbusters* because "I like how their blasters guns work".

Other important qualities were appearance and performance. Paul Varno chose the *Silver Hawks* because of their "neat uniforms" while *Gem* was Michelle Burton's favorite because "I like the way she sings songs".

Coloring apples for decoration was a part of the kindergarten class's Halloween celebration. Here Brad Hoge, Elizabeth Linder and Becky Wierwille are caught preparing the apples for painting.

***Above right**, kindergartner Andy Roettger slices apples in preparation for the steaming of the fruit.*

***Above**, Mrs. Mary Bensman explains to the kindergartners how a scale works by weighing the apples they used at Halloween.*

***Right**, Becky Wierwille smiles for the camera as she cheers for the Rangers at a boys' basketball game.*

Cartoon Capers

If first graders could be any cartoon character most of them would choose Disney characters. Brian Jones says he would like to be Mickey Mouse "because I'd go to Disney World every day."

One character who was singularly recognized often was Dennis the Menace. Leslie Stienecker likes him the best "because he gets in trouble." "I watch him every day when I'm sick," added Stefan Haggard.

The Flintstones can't go without a comment. "I like Wilma Flintstone," says Gina Ferraro, "because she gets mad at her husband."

Ross Brown poses with his Arbor Day projects, a crepe paper tree, and his gift from the local Garden Club, a flowering crabapple tree.

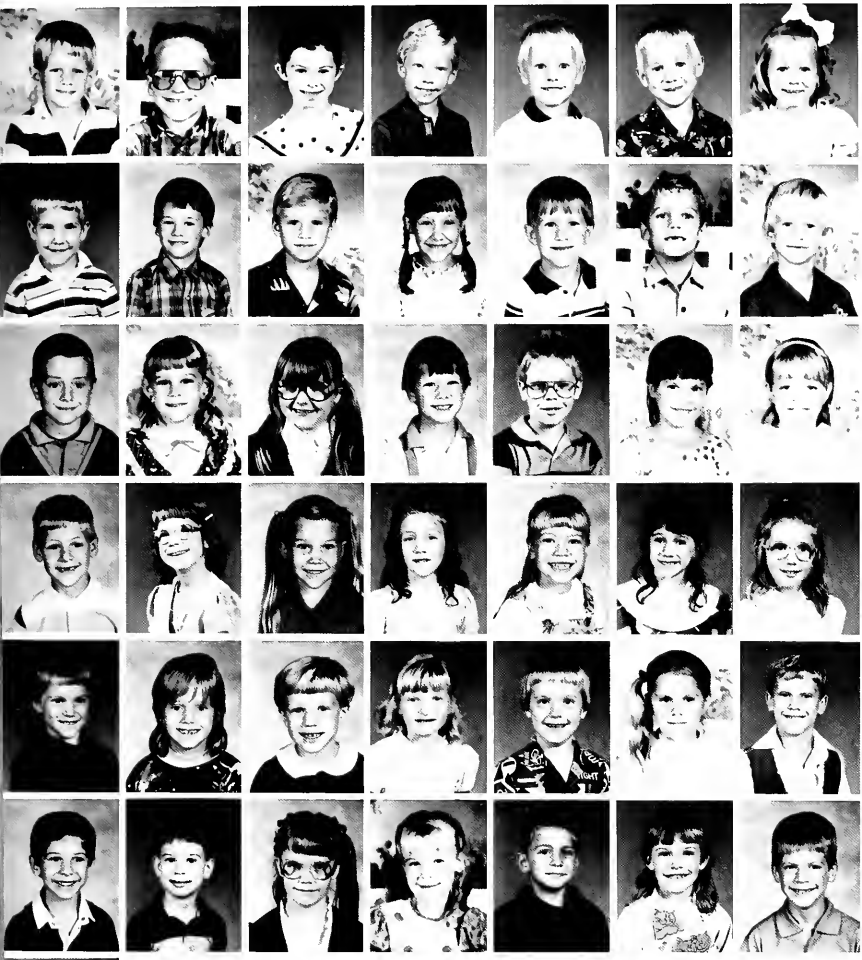
Above, Ursula Leadman shows off her art project for Arbor Day.

Left, Amy Thobe, Carrie Barber, and Lara Kuck enjoy a popular recess attraction, the Big Toy.

Below left, Miss Heil's first graders proudly display their crabapple trees on Arbor Day.

Below, Micah Guigou and Tara Lee Sanko work diligently on cutting out pictures for their collages.

First Grade



Matt Bambauer
Nathan Bambauer
Carrie Barber
Byron Blake
Ian Bock
Ross Brown
Tiffany Brown

Matthew Clamme
Paul Coulter
Jared Elsass
Gina Ferraro
Derek Fledderjohann
Grant Guigou
Micah Guigou

Stefan Haggard
Danielle Hennon
Julie Horton
Mark Jeltema
Brian Jones
Laura Jurosic
Nicky Karch

Eric Klopfenstein
Erin Kruse
Lara Kuck
Keri Kuck
Erin Lagey
Ursula Leadman
Alexandra Lee

Terri March
Kelly Meyer
Krista Oberlander
Lori Oliver
Ryan Opperman
Tara Lee Sanko
Aaron Sowma

Zach Spieles
Matthew Squibb
Anna Stienecker
Leslie Stienecker
Michael Strom
Amy Thobe
Scott Thompson

Ryan Wietholter

"I like the people in the first grade, and I feel older than when I was in kindergarten. I like to stay for lunch, and I like math." — *Gina Ferarro*

Second Grade

Kelly Amett
Aaron Brown
Michael Chalk
Kelli Clark
Jennifer Deck
Anthony Deerhake

Cecelia Field
Amy Fledderjohann
Jennifer Fledderjohann
Jessica Hegemier
Debra Homan
Janelle Homan

Luke Katterheinrich
Michelle Kittel
Lisa Kruse
Brandon Lora
Brian McCullough
Keith Meckstroth

Jerry Mertz
David Meyer
Shelly Naseman
Matthew Ott
Brian Plain
John Poling

Jason Quillen
Luke Rodeheffer
Nick Schroer
Jill Settlage
Melisa Stout
Kelli Tobens

"Second grade is harder than first. I like free time the best."
— Jason Quillen

"We get to do lots of work. I like writing."
— Kelli Clark

Brad Vicroy
Jason Vordermark

Michelle Vorhes
James Wellman

Kim Wierwille
Richard Wyckoff

Grade 2 likes movies

"My favorite movie is 'Superman III' because Superman gets beat up but still wins."
— Keith Meckstroth

Three Men and a Baby was the most popular movie among the second graders. Many students said "it was really funny." Jim Wellman liked it because "the three men do not know how to take care of a baby."

Other movies named ranged from horror movies to classics. Kim Wierwille and Matt Ott both claimed *A Nightmare on Elm Street* as their favorite. "It has a lot of gory stuff," stated Matt. Some students were more partial to lighter movies such as *Pinnochio.*

— Laurie Merges

Mrs. Dana Brown helps her student, Jill Settlage, get her kite into the air. The kite flying was in conjunction with Right to Read Week's theme, "Be a High Flyer."

Melisa Stout and Jessica Hegemier help prepare stew during the second graders' Thanksgiving feast.

Kim Wierwille and John Poling dress their heads in early American garb to implement Thanksgiving spirit. They were two of the second graders involved in preparing the small feast.

"I like him because . . . "

"I like Scooby Doo because he solves mysteries, and I like reading mystery stories."
— Andy Fledderjohann

Third graders have a wide variety of favorites when they choose their favorite cartoon.

Jessica Margraves likes Jem and the Holograms "because they sing good songs." But four other students didn't seem to agree. Their favorite is Ducktails and Woody Woodpecker. "I like Woody Woodpecker because I like the way he talks and laughs," said Katie Drinkwine.

Dennis the Menace got three votes. Keith Hoelscher said he likes him because "he's just like me." According to Brian Kruse, "he gets in trouble a lot and so do I."

— Angel Robinson

Top, Keith Hoelscher watches Jim Henschen at work as the third grade learns to work with their feet.

Left, this is more than just a milk break as Sara Townsend and the other second graders sample the succotash they made for Thanksgiving.

Above, Jenny Lehman hides her face, but Sandy Wessel and Katie Drinkwine aren't camera shy as they pose for a second in gym class.

Third Grade

Heidi Barber
Noah Bliss
Brook Braden
David Burton
David Chalk
Christina Cleland
Katie Drinkwine

Jeffrey Eschmeyer
Andy Fledderjohann
Ryan Grew
Luke Hegemier
Amy Heidt
Jim Henschen
Keith Hoelscher

Brian Hoge
Jill Klopfenstein
Brian Kruse
Jenny Lehman
Sam Meyer
Tim Nolte
Craig Sherman

Adam Stienecker
Kylie Stiles
Melissa Thompson
Sara Townsend
Mike Varno
Stacey Vorhes
Sandy Wessel
Not Pictured
Jessica Margraves
Rayla Zenisek

"Third grade is more interesting than second grade because we have science and social studies. It's more fun."

— David Burton

Third graders Brook Braden and Brian Kruse enjoy the feast at the Thanksgiving celebration of their class.

The third graders take time out to pose during their Thanksgiving celebration. They made succotash for the feast.

Fourth Grade

Todd Elsass
Greg Elshoff
Emily Gabel
Samantha Goins
Tommy Gross
Olivia Haggard

Shane Hardin
Bryan Henschen
Josh Hicks
Joyce Homan
Brenda Homan
Kelli Jones

Ryan Jurosic
Kevin Kruse
Julie Leffel
Leah Martindale
Scott Maurer
John Meyer

James Nixon
Jill Olthouse
Kevin Overley
Alicia Piehl
Mary Poling
Lori Powell

Deanita Prater
Larry Renfrow
Traci Russell
Jason Scott
Sarah Settlage
Josh Sherman

Josh Spieles
Laura Tobens
Gary Truman
Greg Vamo
Pamela Vordermark
Jack Wellman
Not pictured:
Bob Mertz
Damien Sias

"My favorite class is math. I hate the split class. My class, 4b, is number one."
— Kevin Kruse

Favorite Fuzzies

Alf is the favorite cartoon character of many fourth graders. Scott Maurer likes him because "in almost every show he does really weird things. I watch him almost every time he is on."

Equally popular, Garfield was praised. "My favorite cartoon character is Garfield. He is funny and cute and chubby," said Alicia Piehl. "He acts like he is the man of the house."

The Muppet Babies gathered lots of votes, too. "My favorite is Miss Piggy," said Kelli Jones, "because she always wants to be perfect, and when they're making up stories, Piggy always has to be the star."

— Rachel Wilson

Jill Olthouse shows her school spirit by dressing up during Foreign Language Week on costume day.

Kevin Kruse and Jack Wellman anxiously wait for the pinata to be broken during their celebration of Foreign Language Week.

Above, Alicia Piehl, Emily Gabel, Julie Leffel, and Kelli Jones prepare to launch balloons with their names and addresses in them. The balloon launching marked the beginning of Right to Read Week. Left, fourth grade students rush to pick up the fallen candy and prizes from the pinata given to them by the German Club. Right, Jason Scott, Todd Elsass, and Leah Martindale sing during Grandparents' Day.

Movie stars shine

"I like Paul Hogan (Crocodile Dundee) because I like his accent."
— Ben Wibbeler

Movies and actors have a great influence on people, especially the younger generations. When the fifth grade was asked "If you could be any actor or actress, who would you be and why?" the answers varied from Jennifer Grey to Arnold Schwarzenegger to Bill Cosby.

Among the girls, Jennifer Grey and Allisa Milano, were the most popular actresses.

"Jennifer Grey is so pretty, and she dances so good, and she got to be in two movies with Patrick Swayze. And she is so rich," said Rachel Quillen.

The guys, however, are influenced more by muscle-bound men such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone.

— Glen Bechara

Top left, Kim Hirschfeld and Erin Hoelscher are awarded honorable mention in the Lima Area Writers' Club poetry contest in the elementary division.

Above, the fifth grade class seems fascinated by the result of their candle-making project.

Left, Amanda Deerhake, Tiffany Oberlander, and Sarah Henschen join many elementary students in lending support to the cheerleaders at a basketball game.

Amanda Bambauer
Jarrod Bower
Elizabeth Burton
Theresa Chalk
Amanda Deerhake
Keith Henschen

Sarah Henschen
Susan Henschen
Kim Hirschfeld
Erin Hoelscher
Lisa Homan
Frank Homan

Angie Kachelries
Sarah Katterheinrich
Philip Labo
Blair Lammers
Angie March
Ann Mertz

Amy Meyer
Stacie Niemeyer
Tiffany Oberlander
Nick Piehl
Brian Prater
Rachel Quillen

Luke Schrolucke
Shannon Stroh
Jeannette Urbina
Ben Wibbeler
Not Pictured
Samantha Ross

Stacie Niemeyer and Jeannette Urbina concentrate as they play their flutes in their concert debut in December.

"I'm only halfway there, but when I get there I'll definitely party. Better start saving now Mom and Dad."
— Erin Hoelscher

Sixth Grade

Jessica Bargdill
Nikki Buschur
Todd Elshoff
Hart Fledderjohann
Robin Goins
Poncheena Hecht

Joseph Hecht
Karen Henschen
Randy Hirschfeld
Michele Hoelscher
Scott Jarrells
Nathan Jurosic

David Kachelries
Tina Kittel
Joseph Lammers
Amy Meyer
Mandy Piehl
Nathan Scott

Scott Stiles
Ryan Tinnerman
Carla Vicroy
Nathan Webb
Jennifer Wellman
Kristina Wierwille
Not pictured:
Ramona Truman

The sixth grade band makes their debut at the community talent show at the Fall Festival. The musicians include clarinetist Carla Vicroy, flutists Amy Meyer and Kristina Wierwille, and trumpeter Joseph Lammers.

"I like girls. Lunch is my favorite time of the day because I can talk to my friends."

— Todd Elshoff

Working intently, David Tinnerman, Nathan Jurosic and Hart Fledderjohann put the final touches on their replica of a Middle Ages castle.

Sixth picks favorites

The sixth grade had a wide variety of favorite movies. Of the 25 responses, three were for *Dirty Dancing*, two were for *Three Men and a Baby*, and two others favored *Cobra*. The rest of the favorites ranged from *Little Big Man* to *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

"*Top Gun* is my favorite movie because I liked all the airplanes in the movie and the songs," said Hart Fledderjohann. "The part I didn't like was when their plane crashed and a guy got killed, but that is the most interesting part and there are barely any bad words in it. There is another part I don't really care for. That is the romantic part, but every movie has one."

— Chad Wyatt

"Friday the 13th." I like the way Jason comes to kill the boy but he doesn't get him.

— David Kachelries

Top right, Mandy Piehl carefully works on a social studies project, which is a model of a castle of the Middle Ages.

Above, the sixth grade band performs at the fall music concert. The band has twelve members, seven girls and five boys, and will move up to the high school band next year.

Right, a new group formed in the fifth and sixth grades this year was the "Just Say No" Club. Some of the members are pictured here. The group, advised by guidance counselor, Mrs. Diana Farno, enjoyed a skating party and sold community activity calendars during their first year.

Michelle Vorhes participates in the kite flying activities as Mrs. Dana Brown helps out Jennifer Deck. All the graders made their own kites as a part of Right to Read Week.

The elementary students set free balloons, which corresponded with the Right to Read Week theme, "Be A High Flyer."

"I know it's in here somewhere," says Jennifer Flederjohann as she tries to find an interesting book to read in the elementary library.

The first graders show off their teddy bears on the last day of a learning unit featuring bears.

K-6 note changes

The elementary has considerably expanded this year. Kindergarten, first, second, and fourth grades have all grown enough for the school to divide them in halves. As a result, other grades have moved to different rooms that were not occupied before. For example, elementary classes now occupy the old reading lab and the old high school science room.

There have been a handful of other first takes for the elementary this year. Balloons were released by all graders during Right to Read Week, signifying high-flying readers. A program called "Caught Being Good," which rewards good discipline was also initiated.

— Rachel Wilson

he A.M. kindergartners show off their gold medals and certificates they received for participating in Partners in Excellence, which helped to buy encyclopedias for the school.

rista Oberlander smiles happily as she holds the tree she received n Arbor Day.

n May the first, second, and third graders performed together in a play alled "Goin' Buggy," directed by Mr. Michael Epperly and the elementary teachers.

irst graders sit and chat as they enjoy their noontime lunch before hey head outside for recess.

Junior High

Dear junior high school student,

Take advantage of the things junior high school is all about: friends, sports, parties. Learn to take a chance and to make a decision.

You may feel as if you are not really a part of life yet, but don't become discouraged. Your misplaced identity will find you, and you'll realize your niche.

Don't waste the time you've been given, for it won't ever be the same after junior high school. People grow, and friendships change. Rushing this era will accomplish nothing.

Sincerely,
One Who Was There

Shannen Braden, Mandy Condon and Betsy Kruse play in the snow behind the school during Presidents Day weekend.

Darlene Rupert helps Ben Schrolucke improve his looks as they travel with the band to OSU on a field trip.

Ben Schrolucke, Woody Piehl, Ron Reineke and David Tinnerman carefully move the heavy chimes down to the auditorium to prepare for the open house concert while Daniel Gilfillen supervises.

Eighth grader Jennie Leffel presents Mrs. Annett Kuck with the runner-up plaque from the Auglaize-Mercer junior high girls' basketball tournament.

Movie Identities

"The Breakfast Club" best describes my life because I sometimes spend my free time in the detention room.
— John Kuck

When the seventh graders were asked to decide what movies best described their lives, the answers varied from *The Breakfast Club* to *Moving* to *Nightmare on Elm Street.*

The Breakfast Club was the most shared description of seventh grade life. David Tinnerman chose it "because all of the kids were on detention, which happens to me a lot."

The most humorous response came from Josh Egbert, who chose *Nightmare on Elm Street* to represent his life because "school is a nightmare. And my brother and sister are psychos."

— Glen Bechara

Top left, "Congratulations!" exclaims Heather Howe to Betsy Kruse as she receives a bouquet of flowers after being named queen of the mini prom.

Above, Betsy Kruse, Christine Schrolucke, Shannen Braden, and Mandy Condon take advantage of the Presidents' Day holiday to enjoy themselves in the snow.

Left, Ron Reineke and Daniel Gilfillen, junior high musicians, leave their instruments behind as they prepare for the spring band concert.

Seventh Grade

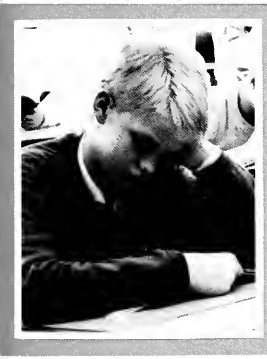
Joseph Bargdill
Joe Bower
Shannen Braden
James Burton
Mandy Condon
Carl Cummins

Josh Egbert
Evan Eschmeyer
Daniel Gilfillen
Tanya Grimes
Brett Hicks
Gwen Homan

Heather Howe
Jason Katterheinrich
Betsy Kruse
Jason Kuck
John Kuck
Rodney Kuck

Jack Leffel
Diana Mertz
Clarissa Murdza
Chris Pfenning
Woody Piehl
Ron Reineke

Travis Rupert
Christine Schrolucke
Steven Shupp
Sheila Speckman
David Tinnerman
Josh Wibbeler



"I like seventh grade because you're older and you get to be in sports at school. I've probably learned the most about the state of Ohio because I never had a class about it before."
— Evan Eschmeyer

Jennie Leffel, Shannen Braden and Rodney Kuck participate in the nativity scene at the Methodist Church during Christmas time.

Eighth Grade

Tim Alexander
Cindy Clune
Emily Egbert
Toby Hardin
Larry Hecht
Betsy Hoelscher

Rachel Katterheinrich
Kevin Lammers
Jennie Leffel
Jason Metzger
Aimee Miller
Jeff Pierson

Jackson Prater
Mark Prueter
Ben Schrolucke
Sherry Sias
Michelle Vicroy
Rebecca Wessel

Greg Wietholter

"We had to do a lot of extra reports, but we were rewarded in the end by going to Washington, D.C. After eighth grade you take the big step up."
— Michelle Vicroy

Eighth graders Rebecca Wessel, Betsy Hoelscher, Cindy Clune and Jennie Leffel enjoy themselves at the FHA/Hero Halloween Dance. Music was provided by Madman Productions.

Rebecca Wessel plays the horn as the high school and junior high bands get together to play a few songs on Grandparents' Day.

Terrible takes

Eighth graders had various choices for their worst movie. One movie that several agreed on, however, was *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*. "It's so nerdy and stupid, it's pitiful," said Larry Hecht of his reasons for singling out this particular movie.

One of the factors which concerned eighth graders most was how well the movie followed its sequence of events. Jason Metzger chose *Walk Like a Man* as his least favorite because it was "too confusing."

The answer that summed it up the best was Toby Hardin's comment about Monty Python's *The Meaning of Life*: "It was just a bunch of diddly squat."

— Jenni Pierson

I didn't like Highlanders because it kept flashing back and you never knew where it was.

— Jeff Pierson

All dressed up and waiting to go out to dinner in Washington, D.C., are Jason Metzger, Cindy Clune, and Mark Prueter. The evening at the dinner theater is always a highlight of the week-long trip.

Ben Schrolucke, Michelle Vicroy, and Jason Metzger relax before the play at the Crazy Susan Dinner Theatre on their trip to Washington, D.C.

Jennie Leffel, Betsy Hoelscher, and Rachel Katterheinrich take a load off of their feet at the National Archives during their busy sightseeing trip of the Capital.

Greg Wietholter and Ron Reineke give their all in a home meet against Houston. Unfortunately they lost to Houston by a margin of seven points.

Eighth grader Toby Hardin lengthens his stride to finish sixth overall and third for the team against Houston.

Jason Metzger puts the placement sticks into the order in which they are handed to the runners as they finish.

Row 1: Ben Schrolucke, David Tinnerman, Toby Hardin, Josh Egbert, John Kuck, Ron Reineke. Row 2: Joseph Bargdill, Jason Metzger, Greg Wietholter, Kevin Lammers, Coach Jerry Merges.

Newcomers to cross country wonder

What's the score?

Usually, the winner of an athletic event is the person or team that scores the most points, but that isn't the case in cross country. The winning team is the one with the lowest score.

When the runners cross the finish line, they receive a number corresponding with their overall placement. When the race is over, a team's score is determined by adding the placement numbers of their first five finishers. The team with the lowest score wins. A perfect score would be 15.

Occasionally, two teams will have the same score. That's when the sixth place finisher becomes important. The team that has the best placing sixth man wins.

Like a track meet, several teams may compete at a cross country meet. The greater the number of teams, the harder it is to come in first. The junior high boys competed in ten meets, four being with more than two teams. They finished the season with six wins and 13 losses.

— Chad Wyatt

JH volleyball teams split between Success & struggle

Both of the junior high volleyball teams experienced some firsts this year. One of these was playing for their new coach Gail Borisuk. For the seventh graders, these were their first real games against teams from other schools. They accepted this challenge and completed the season with an impressive record of ten wins and only one loss.

One of the highlights of the year was their victory over Parkway. They lost their first game, 9-15, came back to win the second game, 15-6, and finally won the third in a close and exciting game 17-15.

"I think the reason for our success was playing in USVBA over the summer," commented seventh grader Christine Schrolucke.

The eighth grade team struggled this year, gaining only four wins against nine losses.

"We worked hard, but it wasn't quite good enough," said eighth grader Emily Egbert.

However, with the aid of the seventh graders, the team captured fifth place in their first-ever MAC junior high tournament.

— Jeff Lehman

Ready for anything, Rebecca Wessel prepares for the ball to come back over the net from the Parkway side during the junior high volleyball tournament, which was the culmination of the year for the girls.

Row 1: Seventh Grade - Sheila Speckman, Betsy Kruse, Mandy Condon, Shannen Braden, Christine Schrolucke, Heather Howe, Tanya Grimes. Row 2: Eighth Grade - Aimee Miller, Cindy Clune, Jennie Leffel, Rachel Katterheinrich, Rebecca Wessel, Betsy Hoelscher, Michelle Vicroy, Emily Egbert. Coach Gail Borisuk.

The junior high team plans its strategy during the volleyball tournament at Fort Recovery.

Offering words of encouragement, eighth grader Michelle Vicroy and seventh grader Shannen Braden prepare each other for the serve from Parkway. Despite their positive attitude, the Ranger girls lost to the Panthers in the tournament, 5-15, 11-15.

Jennie Leffel races to recover a loose ball in the Coldwater game. The Rangers held the lead the entire game and ended with a 33-26 victory.

The junior high girls pose with their runner-up plaque for the Auglaize-Mercer tournament. ***Row 1:*** *Sheila Speckman, Cindy Clune, Jennie Leffel, Emily Egbert, Gwen Homan, Heather Howe.* ***Row 2:*** *Coach Dan Doseck, Shannen Braden, Betsy Kruse, Clarissa Murdza, Christine Schrolucke, Mandy Condon.*

Eighth grader Emily Egbert displays her free throw shooting form in the championship game against Wapakoneta St. Joe.

In Auglaize-Mercer tournament

Girls finish second

Although they got off to an 0-4 start, the junior high girls' basketball team pulled together to compile an 8-7 overall record and earn the Auglaize-Mercer county runner-up trophy.

Coach Dan Doseck was happy with the girls' progress. "After January 1 they improved their record by going 8-3. They really showed improvement throughout the season. I wish they would have worked a little harder, but overall I was pleased."

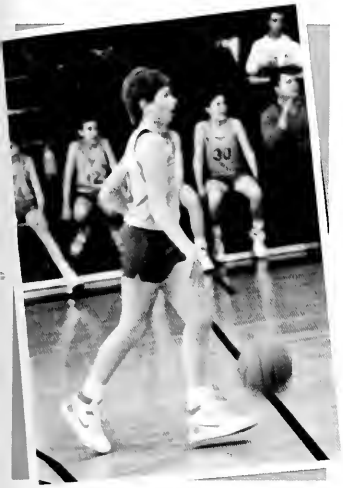
The girls defeated Mendon in the first game of the tournament, 36-9, and they also ended Parkway's season by downing the Panthers by two, 26-24, in the second tournament game. But Wapak St. Joe proved to be too much for the young Lady Rangers as they fell, 33-18, in the championship game.

Doseck predicts a bright future for the team. "We are losing three eighth graders, but from the interest in the fourth, fifth, and sixth basketball program, we could get several talented newcomers."

— Laurie Merges

Shannen Braden exhibits her aggressive offensive style in the 33-26 win over Coldwater.

Seventh grader Ron Reineke brings the ball up the floor to set up the offense.



Junior high basketball:

A learning experience

Junior high basketball is mostly a learning experience that prepares the players for future high school years. The boys suffered a losing record this year. The seventh grade finished the season 1-11; the eighth grade, 2-12.

The 20-member team, 14 of which were seventh graders, was divided into varsity and reserve with several younger players holding starting positions on the eighth grade level.

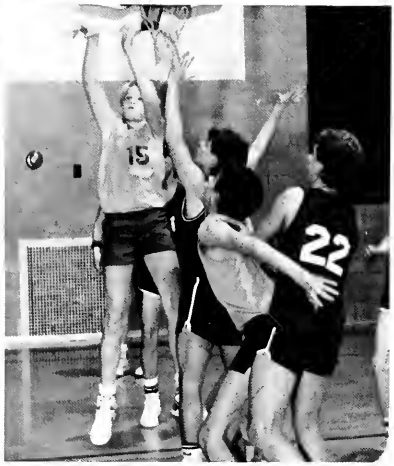
"We just played the five best kids that we had; four of them happened to be seventh graders," said Coach Ron Kruse. "The eighth graders now know they need to work hard over the off season," he added.

In hopes for the upcoming year, next year's eighth graders will have a lot of experience and will be playing teams their own age, which should lead to a winning season.

— Chad Wyatt

Look out, here I come!" David Tinnerman tries o penetrate inside against a defender.

***Row 1:** Jason Metzger, Chris Pfenning, Josh Wibbeler, Jack Leffel, James Burton, Woody Piehl, Greg Wietholter. **Row 2:** Kevin Lammers, Rodney Kuck, Toby Hardin, Josh Egbert, Ron Reineke, Daniel Gilfillen. **Row 3:** Coach Ron Kruse, Brett Hicks, Tim Alexander, Ben Schrolucke, John Kuck, Evan Eschmeyer, David Tinnerman, Joe Bower*



Evan Eschmeyer puts up an inside shot. He was one of four seventh graders who held a starting position on the eighth grade team.

The junior high cheerleaders show some "Tricky" dance steps at the halftime of a varsity boys' game. On the left are seventh graders Christine Schrolucke, Heather Howe, Mandy Condon, Clarissa Murdza and Shannen Braden. On the right are eighth graders Betsy Hoelscher, Jennie Leffel, Emily Egbert and Cindy Clune.

Seventh grader Heather Howe cheers on the boys basketball team during halftime of the New Bremen game.

It's halftime of the New Bremen game starring in order of appearance, Christine Schrolucke, Mandy Condon and Shannen Braden.

Cheerleading second

A junior high cheerleader is the epitome of nerves, excitement and expectations wrapped in one red and gray package. In junior high a cheerleader begins the path she may choose for high school; however, this year's cheerleaders barely began to tread.

Between junior high boys' and girls' basketball there are 28 games per season which must be played in a thirty- to forty-day span. As can be expected, there is overlapping of games. The girls are instructed that basketball is first, cheerleading second. During the 1988 season the girls were able to cheer for very few boys' games. That vitiated the value of the hours spent in practice and the money spent on the uniforms.

Mr. Steve Trout, athletic director, doesn't forsee the same problem arising next year. If it ever does, he believes either the girls will be made to choose between cheering and playing basketball or the cheerleading program may be eliminated.

— Lori Barber

"Go, Rangers," cheer eighth graders Betsy Hoelscher and Emily Egbert.

A first take for junior high track

This year, the junior high track members, along with their coach, were all newcomers to the sport.

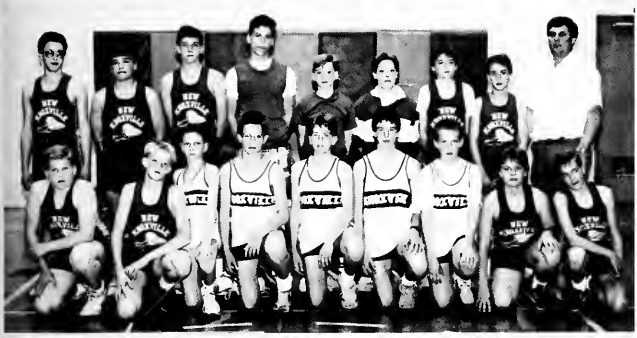
Due to a lack of participants, there was no junior high track program last year, so this year was a "first take" for the young tracksters. The coach was also a novice. Mr. Greg Bornhorst has coached cross country in past years, but this was his first year of coaching track.

The girls' team won one meet, and the boys'team didn't win any. The lack of experience may have been a factor during the season. Although their record is less than desirable, Coach Bornhorst looks at it as "a building season. There was a lot of individual improvement over the season."

"We didn't have a good season since it was our first year, but if we keep trying, we could improve a lot," commented eighth grader Ben Schrolucke.

There is some talent among the kids, and Coach Bornhorst said, "Maybe now they've sparked their interest and will make a good go of it."

Chad Wyatt



Cindy Clune, Shannen Braden, Michelle Vicroy, Betsy Kruse, Emily Egbert, Christine Schrolucke, Coach Greg Bornhorst.

Row I: David Tinnerman, Evan Eschmeyer, Jack Leffel, Josh Egbert, Ron Reineke, Brett Hicks, Woody Piehl, Daniel Gilfillen, Joseph Bargdill. Row 2: Joe Bower, Kevin Lammers, Ben Schrolucke, John Kuck, James Burton, Greg Wietholter, Toby Hardin, Jason Metzger, Coach Greg Bornhorst.

Let's see. That's a hop, then a skip, and then a jump. Brett Hicks tries to remember while doing the long jump at the Parkway Invitational.

Kevin Lammers shows the effort necessary to put the shot at the Parkway Invitational.

New Knoxville Prevention People - Row 1: Rachel Katterheinrich, Emily Egbert, Jennie Leffel, Michelle Vicroy, and Betsy Hoelscher. **Row 2:** Jason Metzger, Greg Wietholter, Toby Hardin, Ben Schrolucke, and Kevin Lammers.

Seventh Grade Band - Row 1: Evan Eschmeyer, Ron Reineke, Woody Piehl, and James Burton. **Row 2:** Shannen Braden, Heather Howe, Christine Schrolucke, Sheila Speckman, Betsy Kruse, and David Tinnerman. **Row 3:** Jack Leffel, Daniel Gilfillen, Rodney Kuck, Gwen Homan, and Tanya Grimes.

Junior High Pep Club - Row 1: Tanya Grimes, Clarissa Murdza, Mandy Condon, Shannen Braden, and Betsy Hoelscher. **Row 2:** Gwen Homan, Betsy Kruse, Christine Schrolucke, Rachel Katterheinrich, and Jennie Leffel. **Row 3:** Diana Mertz, Heather Howe, Sheila Speckman, Ben Schrolucke, and Kevin Lammers. **Row 4:** James Burton, Jack Leffel, Evan Eschmeyer, Woody Piehl, and Daniel Gilfillen.

The eighth grade class take a break on the steps of the National Archives before moving on to their next activity during the Washington, D.C. trip.

Junior high: First and second takes

Every year the eighth graders travel to Washington, D.C., seventh graders visit Columbus, and both groups enjoy the mini prom. A new activity for the eighth graders was the NKPP, New Knoxville Prevention People.

The group was formed after the eighth graders returned from IDAA, (Institute for Drug and Alcohol Awareness) which they attend every year. NKPP raises money to buy things for the school to help teach the younger students about the effects of drugs and alcohol.

Another first take in junior high occurred when seventh graders joined the high school band for the spring concert in April. They usually move up after school is out.

The junior high students will have something new come along almost every year, which will help to prepare them for when they graduate from high school. For every student it's a chance in a lifetime to enjoy junior high, and they can cherish their junior high memories for years.

— Angel Robinson

Eighth graders Diana Mertz, Jason Metzger, and Michelle Vicroy patiently wait for the National Archives to open during their trip to Washington, D.C.

Seventh graders Clarissa Murdza and Rodney Kuck enjoy a dance together during the mini prom.

Top left, Jennie Leffel traces the name of a lost soldier listed on the Vietnam Memorial. **Left,** these are the winners of the Annual Spelling Bee. Third place went to fifth grader Sarah Henschen; second, seventh grader Daniel Giltillen; first, eighth grader Greg Wietholter. Greg won the county and went on to compete at state. **Above,** Rachel Katterheinrich and Mark Prueter, on behalf of the eighth grade class, lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

High School

Take one, freshmen. It's your chance to set your feet in cement. The first year of high school. First impressions are important.

Of course, the sophomores are underclassmen too, don't forget. But, you have finally escaped the derision of being a freshman.

Juniors, here we go. You are almost top dog. But only one can be number one! Tough luck, guys.

Ah, yes, the seniors. It's about time! Three years of work, and now you're on the throne. It seems like a long wait, but all good things take time.

Being on top isn't all roses, though. Next year will be another TAKE ONE. Good luck!

— Rachel Wilson

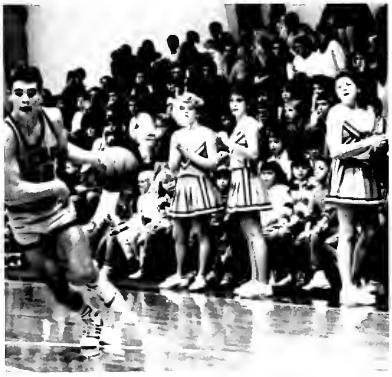
"Hi Mom!" say Phil Kuck and Jill Leffel as they practice for Homecoming court. They are the 1988 King and Queen.

Freshman, Lori Piehl smiles with relief as she realizes that health class will be over shortly. For some reason, Jodi Wyatt doesn't seem to share this feeling. It is almost the end of this one-semester class.

A Sunday picnic in school? Thomas Lepinski, Heather Wietholter, Rachel Wilson and Danny Bader express a little creativity. They successfully brought hot dogs, chips and soda for lunch.

History in the making. The juniors do their best to entertain each other during American history class seventh period. This is probably the most goofing off that has been permitted in one of Mr. Rowen's classes. Enjoying themselves are Beth Lammers, Jenny Horstman, Tracy Hengsteler, Jeff Lehman, Daniel Allen and Eric Gabel.

Class Officers: Jeff Speckman, vice president; Carrie Kuck, president; Lori Piehl, treasurer; Amy Leffel, secretary.



"It was stupid!"

"'Beetlejuice' had no point to it and was boring."

Jodi Wyatt

"'The Stepfather.' I just don't seem to get into movies that have bloody head beatings."

Samantha Merges

Many freshmen say they don't get to the movies often. Those that do had a hard time picking the worst movie they've ever seen.

Critters was one that didn't seem to be very popular "because it wasn't very interesting," said Dodi Hicks.

Little Shop of Horrors was also rated one of the worst movies according to Carrie Kuck and Lori Piehl, who both thought "it was stupid."

Surprisingly freshmen listed *Dirty Dancing* on the worst list. According to Jeff Speckman, "nothing really happened the whole movie."

Angel Robinson

David Shupp and Richard Maurer listen and work in health class.

Jonathan Lepinski does his stuff while the JV cheerleaders cheer him on.

Lori Piehl and Amy Leffel dance together at the Halloween dance.

Melissa Alexander
Stephen Bargdill
Bert Cummins
Chad Elshoff
Kort Fledderjohann
Dodi Hicks
Carrie Kuck

Amy Leffel
Jonathan Lepinski
Richard Maurer
Samantha Merges
Lori Piehl
Monika Renfrow
Darlene Rupert

Jenny Schafer
Matt Schrolucke
David Shupp
Michelle Sias
Jeff Speckman
Jodi Wyatt

"Being in high school is a lot of fun, but being a FRESHMAN in high school can be rough at times. I think we FRESHMEN just have to take the freshman jokes and look forward to becoming sophomores!" — Carrie Kuck

"How many more years of this do I need for college?" asks Monika Renfrow fretfully. This German I class contrasts greatly containing mostly freshmen and seniors, plus one sophomore.

"Don't ever spit up on me again!" exclaims Lori Piehl. Actually she is practicing basic life support and CPR, required of all freshmen.

Sophomores

Danny Bader
Deana Bower
Jason Briscoe
Terry Clune
Matthew Condon
Shannon Egbert

Sarah Gluckin
Beth Heidt
Fred Homan
Barry Kuck
Jackie Labo
Matt Lammers

Brent Lauth
Gina Lepinski
Shelly LoMonaco
Sandra Method
Greg Metzger
Darin Schroeder

Kyle Schroer
Angie Schrolucke
Chad Thobe
Sheila Thompson
Stacy Tinnerman
Shelby Webb

Scott Welch
Jennifer Wessel
Ralph Wierwille
Charles Williams
Paul Wilson

"The work is harder, but it's more fun than being a freshman."

— Fred Homan

After primping in the restroom mirror during the lunch time break, Shelly LoMonaco and Sheila Thompson decide that they are ready to be seen.

Garfield popular with sophomores

Sophomores may not always be thought of as cartoon aficionados, but they do have favorite cartoon characters.

Among the most popular was Garfield. "I like Garfield because he does the craziest things to Odie, and he says what is on his mind," said Scott Welch.

"The cat has class. He reminds me of my own cat. The only thing he does is eat and sleep," said Sandra Method.

Fred Flintstone seemed to be another well-liked character. According to Matt Condon "he has a natural way of screwing things up with his pal Barney and wife Wilma and can always make up with them. Fred's awesome."

Chad Wyatt

"Garfield reminds me of someone I know. He's lazy, likes to eat, and is carefree. And I love the way he treats Odie and Jon."

Stacy Tinnerman

Many students spend time researching in the library. Here Jennifer Wessel searches the card catalog for a book during fifth period study hall.

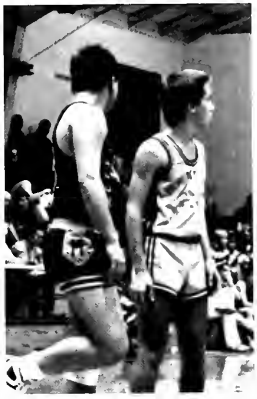
Sheila Thompson, Angie Schrolucke and Jennifer Wessel try to keep warm while watching the Rangers lose to Minster.

Jodi Wyatt and Kyle Schroer take a break from the action at the FHA/HERO Halloween dance.

Class Officers: Matt Lammers, president; Beth Heidt, treasurer; Matthew Condon, vice president; Gina Lepinski, secretary.

The long and the short of it. Jeff Lehman and Lori Barber take a rare break during publications class to release some of the pressure placed on them by deadlines.

Juniors make acting choices



"I would like to be Mel Gibson because he's a cool dude. I thought he was awesome in 'Lethal Weapon.'"

Chad Wyatt

Juniors had a wide variety of choices when asked what actor or actress they would like to be. The answers ranged from humorous choices to serious selections.

Eric Gabel said that he would like to be Mr. Ed because "I would be the only talking horse."

"I would want to be Mr. Rogers," said Daniel Allen. "He's very smart, and I want to be smart like him."

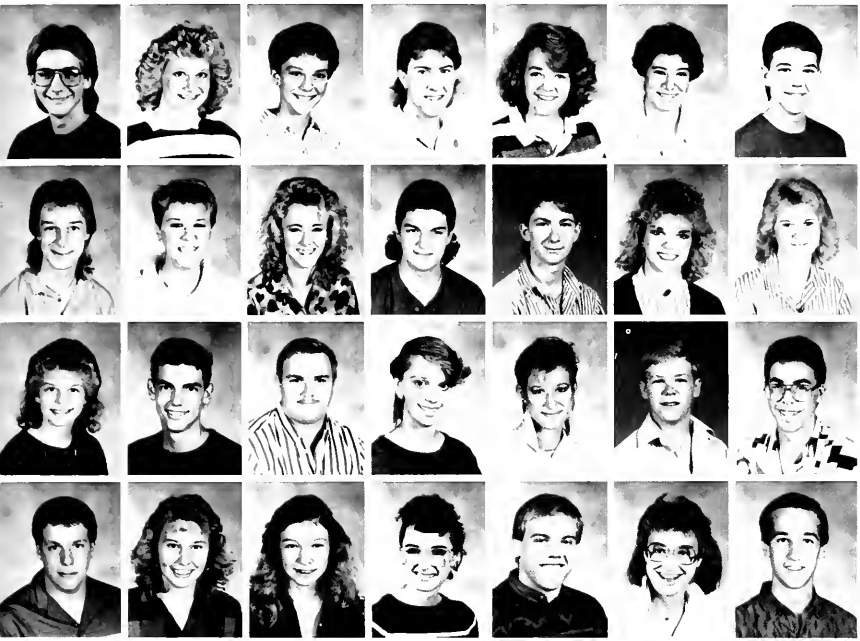
Jenni Pierson offered some serious reflections. "I would like to be Kathryn Harrold, Sara, from Bronx Zoo." She added, "I don't know if it really matters who I'd like to play. It would have to be something that I really believed in — a character I could really get involved in."

— Angel Robinson

***Left**, Class Officers: Rae Sonya Storer, treasurer; Matthew Gilfillen, vice president; Heather Coffin, secretary; Jeff Lehman, president.*

***Above**, Amy Thompson, Debby Bambauer, Jenny Horstman and Heather Coffin appear stumped for a response during a debate in College English II.*

***Right**, dressed for success, Daniel Allen sports traditional evening wear at the boys' basketball game against Houston.*



Daniel Allen
Debby Bambauer
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Rebecca Franks
Eric Gabel

Matthew Gilfillen
Kim Hardin
Tracy Hengsteler
Mike Henschen
Matt Hoelscher
Jenny Horstman
Donna Kuck

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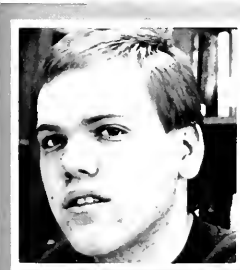


"It's cool to be a junior. You don't have to worry about people picking on you, and it seems like you are the second leader."

— Chris Tinnerman

Kim Hardin works diligently on her fine arts project. The class is offered to juniors and seniors and is taught by Mrs. Joyce Titus.

Kenneth and Scott Schroer represent a portion of cross country runners and their parents on Volleyball and Cross Country Parents' Night on October 12.

"No thanks, Laurie, we don't want any raspberries," says Janice Schumacher to Laurie Merges as she types the absence list. Laurie was one of several high school students who served as aides in the office and for teachers.

Michael Allen keeps up the family tradition by sitting in the northeast corner of the senior table occupied by his brother, Steve, last year.

"Wake up, little Evan, wake up!" Evan Williams catches a few Z's in government class before Mr. Charles Rowen discovers his snoozing student.

"Visions of sugar plums danced in his head." Brian Lammers daydreams of the holidays during fourth period chemistry. Brian is one of many students for whom the letterman's jacket is as much a fashion statement as protection from the cold.

RELAX

This is it! The final year of school has arrived. Thirteen years of the three R's has come to a peak. It seems to be time to release some of the exhiliration.

Some seniors choose to simply put their feet up and relax. One may even permit the mind to enjoy a daydream or two. Of course, there are a few who resort to a full-fledged nap in class.

Band members toot their horns while others sneakily blow their undetected bubble gum. A magazine is always good cover-up.

Each senior somehow finds a way to quell his senioritis. However, no panacea has been discovered; next year's seniors must devise their own means of escape.

— Rachel Wilson

Playing peek-a-boo in art class is one of Matt Tester's favorite pastimes.

Aha! It looks like a first take! Laura Robinson got past teacher, Mrs. Joan Kentner, with a piece of gum in study hall.

Mark Lageman and Phil Kuck take time out to "hang loose" in trig. This advanced math class is one of the smallest with only seven brave students.

Kristine Niemeyer, a four-year band student, plays "Hang On Sloopy," a traditional tune at New Knoxville basketball games.

It must be pizza Wednesday. Rachel Wilson relaxes with a content smile after finishing her meal.

Michael Christopher Allen

Glen B. Bechara

Shawn C. Egbert

Kipp A. Katterheinrich

Philip J. Kuck

"That's funny guys," says Mark Lageman as he shares a conversation with 1987 graduate Allen Homan at a boys' basketball game while others look on.

The seniors sing their class song, "Together in Love," at their graduation ceremony on May 29. The song was written and accompanied by classmate Thomas Lepinski.

Jennifer Ann Eldridge

Brett T. Fledderjohann

Christa Ruth Henschen

Senior Kipp Katterheinrich smiles at the camera after the Homecoming ceremonies are completed. Kipp was one of the king candidates.

Seniors compare their lives to the movies

Many seniors gave a rather pessimistic response when they were asked which movie best described their lives . The majority said *Better Off Dead.*

Matt Tester particularly related to this movie and said, "'Lady Luck' doesn't smile on me very often." Mike Novean, thinking along the same lines, said, "Nothing goes right for the guy until a girl comes into his life and changes everything."

Mark Lageman and Shawn Egbert said their lives were similar to *Blues Brothers.* "The guys get together and always have fun," Mark said, "and a little trouble with the law."

Without a second thought Kipp Katterheinrich chose *Top Gun.* "It's kind of the way I'd like to be."

Rachel Wilson

Class of '88 finds good and bad comes with

SENIORITY

Seniority - n.- the quality of being a senior; a privileged status attained by length of continuous service.

If anyone has achieved seniority as defined by Webster's Ninth New College Dictionary, it's the seniors. After 12 years of service to the school, whether it be through academics, sports, or other activities, seniors enjoy a "privileged status."

"The best thing about being a senior is to show leadership to the underclassmen," said Neal Ray. This includes getting to beat up on the freshmen, an honor popular among the 26 members of the class of '88.

Some students have more serious thoughts, however. "You know that graduation is close, everything is behind you, and you can move on to bigger and better things," says Glen Bechara. "The hardest thing about being a senior is the challenge to stick it out throughout the whole year," he added, "because you're a senior, and you want to leave."

Leaving isn't always easy, though. "You have to decide what to do after you graduate," stated Laura Robinson.

"When you become a senior, you finally realize that this is it — your last year of high school," said Laurie Merges. "You wake up and discover that now it's time to face the real world. You learn the meaning of responsibility."

— Angel Robinson

Left, "I'm studying remedial eyelid examination," answers Kipp Katterheinrich as he's asked why he does homework with his eyes half closed. He is working in sixth period government.

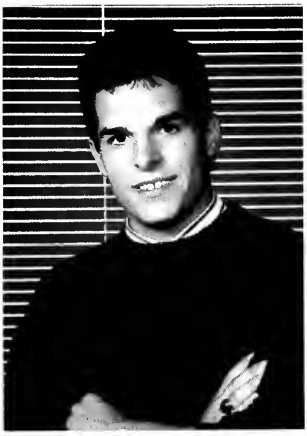
Right, "Would you be prepared if the earth's gravity was reversed?" asks senior Thomas Lepinski as he prepares during fourth period art class.

Mark E. Lageman

Brian P. Lammers

Jill Elizabeth Leffel

"I'm finished, Mrs. Titus," says Shawn Egbert in fourth period art. He soon is informed by teacher Joyce Titus that his work is merely a "good start." Junior Allen Schroer, however, says it looks just fine.



Thomas John Lepinski

Laurie Katherine Merges

Kristine Lynette Niemeyer

Michael Novean

Laura Marie Robinson

Neal Ray Jr.

Jeffery Allen Schafer

Julie Ann Schroer

Right, the senior class officers were Duane Stienecker, president; Christa Henschen, vice president; Rachel Wilson, treasurer; Tori Webb, secretary. There was a lot of combined effort between these officers with the planning of graduation.

Far right, Brian Lammers and Brett Fledderjohann were two of the students participating in the first take of school away from school. They attended New Bremen school for vo ag.

School away from school

Vocational agriculture was recently dropped from the list of available courses at New Knoxville School. Four boys — Brett Fledderjohann, Brian Lammers, Justin Schrolucke and Chris Tinnerman — decided to take the alternative of attending New Bremen for two class periods of vo ag.

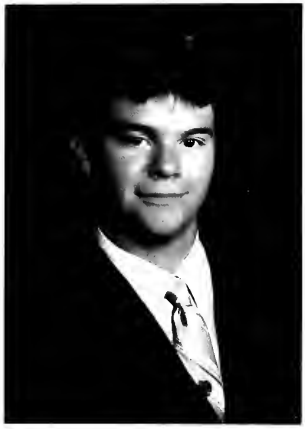
The two seniors, Brett and Brian, earned a number of awards. Both participated on a soil judging team that placed eighth in the state of Ohio. In the district, Brett placed high in three competitions. He received first in diversified livestock, third in sheep proficiency and swine proficiency. Brian also placed. At districts he took second in dairy as well as beef proficiency. In an extemporaneous speech contest he placed fifth. The topic was learning leadership through FFA activities.

Both enjoyed the time spent at the other school because the change of pace put a nice break in the day. Meeting new people was also fun. Brian found one troublesome situation quite humorous "when a kid used the fire extinguisher on a mop in flames. The teacher was not happy."

They highly recommended this class for other students. "They teach leadership, parliamentary procedure, speaking," said Brett. "Stuff that's useful."

— Rachel Wilson

Terry Shupp



Duane A. Stienecker

Matthew A. Tester

Tori Shay Webb

Heather Ann Wietholter

Relieved seniors shake the hands of hundreds of congratulators after a short graduation ceremony.

Evan M. Williams

Rachel Lynn Wilson

Senior Information

Michael Christopher Allen
MAJORS: English, Social studies, Tri-Star
MINORS: Math, Industrial technology
Glen Bryant Bechara
MAJORS: English, Science, Social studies, Business
MINORS: Math, Foreign language
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 3,4; German Club 4; Student Council 4; Publications 4
Shawn C. Egbert
MAJORS: English, Industrial technology, Vocational agriculture, Social studies
MINORS: Math, Science
ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1; FFA 1,2,3
Jennifer Ann Eldridge
MAJORS: English, Science, Social studies, Business, Music
MINORS: Math
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2; Track 2
Brett T. Fledderjohann
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Vocational Agriculture
MINORS: Social studies, Business
ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society 3,4, treasurer 4; Basketball 1,2; Cross country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Student of the nine weeks 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4, president 3, vice president 2; State farmer 3
Christa Ruth Henschen
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Business, Music
MINORS: Social studies, German
ACTIVITIES: Class president 2; vice president 4; secretary 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4, secretary 3, treasurer 4; FHA/HERO 1,2,3, county officer 3; National Honor Society 3,4, president 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Cross country 1,2,3; Student of the nine weeks 4; Americanism test winner 4; Homecoming attendant 1,4
Kipp A. Katterheinrich
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies, Business
ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1; Cross country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Student of the nine weeks 1; Homecoming attendant 3,4
Philip J. Kuck
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Industrial technology
MINORS: Social studies, German
ACTIVITIES: Class treasurer 1,2,3; German Club 4, president 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 4; Buckeye Boys State 3; Homecoming attendant 2,4; Homecoming king 4
Mark E. Lageman
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies
MINORS: Industrial technology
ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Student of the nine weeks 1
Brian P. Lammers
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Vocational agriculture
MINORS: Social studies
ACTIVITIES: Class vice president 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Student of the nine weeks 1,2,4; Americanism test winner 4; FFA 1,2,3,4, treasurer 2,3; State farmer 3
Jill Elizabeth Leffel
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Thomas John Lepinski
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies, Music
MINORS: German, Business
ACTIVITIES: Class president 3; Pep Club 2,3; German Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,3; Chorus 4; Volleyball videotaper 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement 1; Homecoming attendant 1,4
Laurie Katherine Merges
MAJORS: English, Math, Science
MINORS: Social studies, German, Business
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4; FHA/HERO 1; Student Council 1,2; Publications 4; Yearbook editor 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Cross country 2,3; Buckeye Girls State 3; Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement 3,4

Kristine Lynette Niemeyer
MAJORS: English, Social studies, Business, Music
MINORS: Math, Science
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA/HERO 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 4; Basketball 1,2,3

Michael Novean
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Music
MINORS: Social studies, German
ACTIVITIES: Band 1,2,3; Cross country 1; Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement 1,2,3; Student of the nine weeks 3

Neal L. Ray Jr.
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies, Industrial technology
MINORS: Business
ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1,2; Baseball 2,3; Cross country 1,2; Homecoming attendant 4

Laura Marie Robinson
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies, Business
MINORS: Art
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA/HERO 1,2,3,4, reporter 4; Student Council 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Cross country 2; Homecoming attendant 4

Jeffery Allen Schafer
MAJORS: English, Tri Star
MINORS: Vocational agriculture, Math, Social studies
ACTIVITIES: FFA 1,2, secretary 2

Julie Ann Schroer
MAJORS: English, Science, Social studies, Art
MINORS: Math, Home economics
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1; FHA/HERO 1; Student of the nine weeks 2,3

Terry A. Shupp
MAJORS: English, Social studies, Industrial technology, Tri Star
MINORS: Math

Duane A. Stienecker
MAJORS: English, Social studies, Industrial technology, Tri Star
MINORS: Math, Business
ACTIVITIES: Class president 4; Student of the nine weeks 2,3; Student of the year 2; Americanism test winner 3; FFA 1

Matthew A. Tester
MAJORS: English, Science, Social studies, Industrial technology
MINORS: Math
ACTIVITIES: Student of the nine weeks 3

Tori Shay Webb
MAJORS: Tri Star, English, Social studies, Business
MINORS: Math, Science
ACTIVITIES: Class secretary 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4, treasurer 4; German Club 4; FHA/HERO 1,2,3,4, secretary 4; Volleyball 3

Heather Ann Wietholter
MAJORS: English, Math, Social studies, Business, Art, Music
MINORS: Science, German
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 1,3,4; German Club 1,2,3,4, secretary 4; FHA/HERO 1,2,3, secretary 2,3; Band 1,2,3; Volleyball 1; Cross country 2,3; Track 1,2,4; Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement 2,3; Student of the nine weeks 3; Volleyball statistician 2,3

Evan M. Williams
MAJORS: English, Math, Foreign language
MINORS: Science, Social studies, Business
ACTIVITIES: Pep Club 3,4, president 3; German Club 4; Basketball 3; Track 1,2,3; Student of the nine weeks 3; Wrestling 1,2; Drama Club 1,2; Speech team 1

Rachel Lynn Wilson
MAJORS: English, Math, Science, Social studies
MINORS: German, Business, Art
ACTIVITIES: Class treasurer 4; Pep Club 1,2,4; German Club 1,2,4; FHA/HERO 1; Publications 4; Track 1; Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement 1,3; Homecoming attendant 4

Seniors Julie Schroer and Heather Wietholter work diligently on their art projects. They were advanced art students in fourth period art class.

"It doesn't get any better than this," says Thomas Lepinski as he admires his drawing in art class.

After the Oriental meal at prom, Lori Piehl, Chad Wyatt, Chris Tinnerman and Carrie Kuck socialize before the dance.

What took days to complete is finally finished. The Class of '89 flaunt their masterpiece. The Gateway to the Moon was one of the main decorations of the prom, "The Year of the Dragon."

Mark Lageman and Kristine Niemeyer twirl to the music of Infinity. Among the music played were the latest hits by popular groups such as Def Leppard and White Lion.

"I had a great time at prom. Decorating for prom and prom itself were full of great experiences and I liked the feeling of our class being closer."
— Beth Lammers

"Prom was a new experience. It was exciting and fun."
— Kim Hardin

"Decorating for prom was mass confusion, and we thought it would never be finished."
— Tim Overley

fter work is completed on Friday afternoon, juniors Chris Tinnerman and Scott chroer model the coolie hats worn later by the servers.

aniel Allen appears confused as he and Laura Robinson attempt to square ance. Maybe it's the high tops.

Juniors & seniors celebrate "The Year of the Dragon"

The once drab, old gym became a brilliant Oriental land decorated in black, red, and gold for this year's prom, "The Year of the Dragon," held April 29. Choosing their theme based on the Chinese calendar, the juniors created a beautiful garden with a waterfall, a long dragon made of balloons, a pagoda at the entrance, and a "Gateway to the Moon" across the stage.

Before the dance started, many couples ate in the Chinese surroundings. The group was catered to by Sue's Oriental Kitchen in Wapakoneta.

Infinity entertained the group that night. Although square dances weren't the band's specialty, the dancers didn't mind. Infinity played a wide range of songs, a few of which were in the top forty on the music charts at the time. Few couples left the dance before the final song at 11:30.

After the dance, most of the couples made their way to the Lake Front Racquet Club in Celina where after-prom was held. There, many students garnered prizes — $2000 worth. Some of the teens went home as big winners. Among the prizes given were a top-of-the-line Smith Corona typewriter, a hot-air balloon ride, a plane ride courtesy of Gary Katterheinrich, several cash prizes, and many gift certificates.

— Chad Wyatt

Students celebrate victory and relive the sixties at

Homecoming Festivities

This year's Homecoming proved to be a different and exciting experience for many students. A varsity victory and a well attended dance made for an improved Homecoming, according to many students.

Instead of the traditional three candidates for king, four were chosen due to a tie. The Student Council dealt with this problem by having the senior class choose another girl to serve as honorary escort. Rachel Wilson was given the honor.

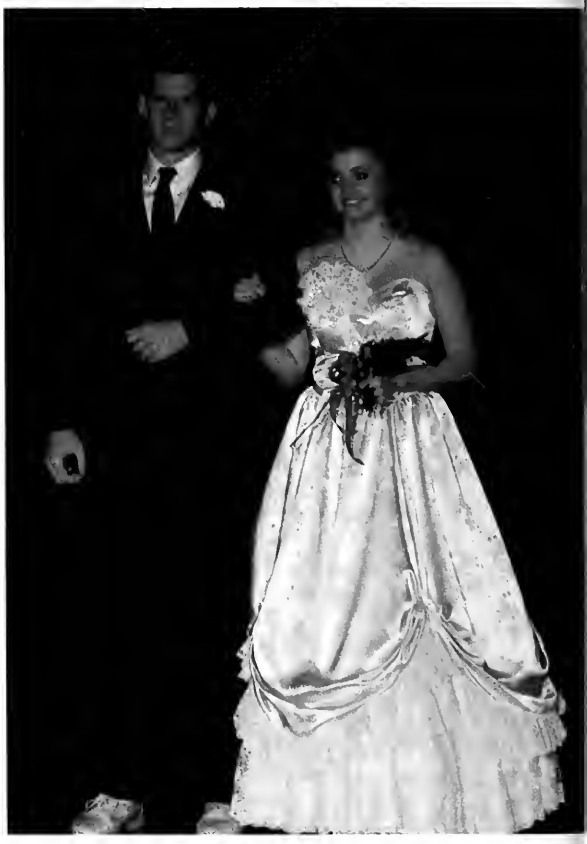
At the ceremonies between games on Saturday, January 9, Philip Kuck and Jill Leffel were crowned by last year's king and queen, Jeff Henschen and Angie Arnett. Crown and scepter bearers were second graders, John Poling and Shelly Naseman.

The dance was held two weeks later. The change from last year's dance during Christmas vacation allowed more students to enjoy the festivities.

Red and black streamers were strung across the gym walls and a poster surrounded by records with the theme "Rock around the Clock" hung on one wall. The theme was also carried out through an hour of '50's and '60's music played by Madman Productions.

Homecoming was an overall success due to the efforts of many people, especially the Student Council, who made sure things ran smoothly.

— Jenni Pierson



"Don't take that picture!" screams junior Jenni Pierson as she tries to struggle free from senior Evan Williams (not pictured). Jenni had been hiding from the camera all night. It took a senior to pin her down for this shot.

Phil Kuck and Jill Leffel are introduced to an enthusiastic crowd that saw them crowned Homecoming king and queen a few minutes later.

"Homecoming was a success. People had a better attitude because we won the Homecoming game. The dance was fun, it had a good theme, and the chaperones weren't like police officers."
— Sheila Thompson

"Lots of people showed at the dance and really enjoyed the music. School spirit was high during the game, and the turnout of the dance was much better this year. The sixties and rock music were good." *— Rachel Wilson*

"We made the victory over Botkins, and everyone seemed to have a good time at the dance. There was more participation at the dance than last year. In the future a little more could be done with the theme."
— Carrie Kuck

Second graders, Shelly Naseman and John Poling were chosen by their class to bear the sceptor and crown in the Homecoming ceremonies.

*Homecoming attendants — **Seated:** Kyle Schroer and Angie Schrolucke, sophomores. **Standing:** Daniel Allen and Heather Coffin, juniors; Kort Fledderjohann and Carrie Kuck, freshmen.*

*Homecoming Court: **Kneeling:** Neal Ray. **Seated:** Jill Leffel and Thomas Lepinski. **Standing:** Rachel Wilson, Phil Kuck, Laura Robinson, Kipp Katterheinrich, and Christa Henschen.*

Phil Kuck, Thomas Lepinski and Tori Webb work on the theme sign for graduation: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

A grad's dad, Jerry Merges Sr., gives daughter Laurie Merges a congratulatory hug. Laurie received the Madeline Rodeheffer and NKEA scholarships.

Seniors forge own trail

Finishing a designated path of high school, the 1988 seniors began individual trails on Sunday, May 29. They trod the first steps as "Pomp and Circumstance" pervaded the gym air, beginning commencement exercises.

Several scholarships were awarded. In addition Mike Novean received a four-year grant from the Ohio Board of Regents.

One special moment was the singing of the class song, "Together in Love," written and composed by senior Thomas Lepinski.

— Lori Barber

"We're out of step, Evan," Rachel Wilson informs Evan Williams. Later during the exercises Rachel delivered her valedictorian's farewell.

President of the Board of Education, Bruce Eschmeyer, congratulates Shawn Egbert while handing out diplomas.

Patiently awaiting a long line of guests, the graduates relax and take time to converse amongst themselves.

After a plethora of handshakes and hugs, Kipp Katterheinrich and Matt Tester say their farewells before Kipp leaves for Ft. Dix, New Jersey, for Army boot camp in June.

Salutatorian Christa Henschen welcomes the relatives and guests who filled the new gym on Sunday afternoon. Christa received the Kiwanis, Civic Association academic and National Honor Society scholarships. Brian Lammers garnered the Civic Association leadership and National Honor Society scholarships.

N.K. joins nation in

Patriotic Pageantry

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America," chimed people all across the nation during the celebration of the Constitution.

On September 16, 1987, people all over the United States halted their activities to watch a one-hour broadcast from Washington, D.C., commemorating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution which gives us the liberties we enjoy so much. Students at New Knoxville School were no exception. They all joined in with the rest of the nation to celebrate the occasion.

To encourage a sense of patriotism, a red, white, and blue contest was organized. Students of all grades were encouraged to wear the flag's colors, and the classes with the highest percentage of students wearing red, white and blue won a prize. Kindergarten won at the primary level, sixth grade at the upper elementary level, and the juniors at the high school level.

For New Knoxville students the celebration began with a 60 mm film on the importance of the Constitution. Next on the agenda for the two-hour assembly was a live broadcast from the White House in Washington, D.C. The broadcast included speeches from high school students, senators, and other Americans. The presentation neared its end when President Reagan asked the nation to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

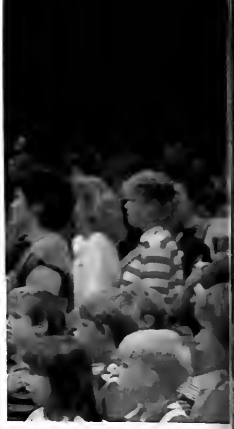
All the students at New Knoxville enjoyed the celebration, not only because they were excused from classes for two hours, but also because "it stirred the entire school into patriotic unity. It also heightened our awareness of the Constitution and how it affects our lives," said junior Lori Barber.

Many other students shared the same positive attitude toward the celebration. "It felt like the pledge brought us all together as a nation," said senior Laura Robinson.

The day's events were a success, and everyone's patriotism was piqued as we "Celebrated the Constitution."

— Glen Bechara

Contemplating the junior class's chance of winning the class competition for wearing the most red, white and blue, Heather Coffin and Daniel Allen confer in home room.



"I pledge allegiance to the flag . . . " chimes the afternoon kindergarten. The entire school participated in an assembly to honor the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

Showing their true colors, the Junior Class displays its patriotism for the 200th signing of the Constitution. The juniors won the class competition with 88 percent wearing red, white and blue.

Is this a conspiracy? No, just sixth graders Nikki Buschor, Jenny Wellman, Amy Meyer, Carla Vicroy and Kristina Wierwille reviving their patriotic costumes that were first worn in the Sesquicentennial play, "Our Times."

"Jill's got an owie," says Laura Robinson, translating Jill Leffel's bottom lip. Having a broken arm makes eating lunch at this crowded senior table challenging.

Jenni Eldridge and Paul Wilson consider a big hug as healthy as the rest of the sixth period gym class. Hugs are a daily ritual between students during this particular class.

Sophomores Matt Lammers and Gina Lepinski are enrolled in German II. They have designated themselves as class clowns.

"What would you do without our smiling faces, Mrs. Oberlander?" Sophomores Angie Schrolucke and Shelly LoMonaco try to give their fourth period English class more levity.

Friendship is . . .

Always keeping a standard of honesty,
Learning to live with idiosyncrasy,

Helping with problems, fear, or doubt,
Letting her know it will all work out,

Going together to parties and games,
Talking about boys, all those names,

Always being there to stand at my
side,
Keeping in mind, in you I can confide,

Even then we go our separate ways,
Neither will forget these good ol' days.

— Rachel Wilson

Glen Bechara and Lori Barber wish each other good luck and take time out to pose for the camera before the show.

"Scratch my nose, Dacron," says Lori Barber (Head) to Mike Novean (Dacron) as they converse in Dacron's living room.

***Above**, Amy Thompson (Aretha) advances the plot for the audience by narrating events to come.*

***Above right**, Glen Bechara poetically describes Heather Coffin's (Princess Prince) beauty to her.*

***Right**, Rachel Wilson (Alphasia) and Eric Gabel (Malforce) plot against the life of the Princess.*

After having rescued Princess Prince and Head, Glen Bechara (Swashbuck) and Paul Wilson (Worfle) travel night and day to reach the kingdom of Zob Proper.

Gina Lepinski (Polly) and Carrie Kuck (Ester) ruthlessly attack Glen Bechara and Paul Wilson while Heather Coffin (in bag) remains in a daze.

High school play: A first take

For the last few years now, the dramatic arts in New Knoxville High School had been slowly dying. The one-semester drama course offered by the school had been dropped, and the last play presented was by the seniors two years ago. This year, however, New Knoxville High School students embarked on a new dramatic adventure.

For the first time in New Knoxville history, an all-high school play was presented. Three freshmen, six sophomores, five juniors and six seniors joined efforts to successfully present *The Clumsy Custard Horror Show.* Directed by Mrs. Janean Oberlander and Mrs. Luanne Powell, this cast of 20 students showed that the dramatic arts have not died.

The Clumsy Custard Horror Show is a unique comedy, characterized by extensive audience participation. This unusual comedy is staged in an imaginary kingdom called Zob. There are romances, heroes, villains, friends, foes, and tons of laughter.

The play was a success in many areas. Not only did it entertain its audience for two and a half hours, but it also attracted one of the largest crowds in New Knoxville history. Hopefully the success of this play will start an era of many more high school plays.

— Glen Bechara

PLAY CAST

Director	Deana Bower
Usher 1	Sheila Thompson
Usher 2	Laurie Merges
Aretha	Amy Thompson
Clumsy Custard	Amy Leffel
	Kristine Niemeyer
	Heather Wietholter
Worfle	Paul Wilson
Princess Prince	Heather Coffin
Alphasia	Rachel Wilson
Polly	Gina Lepinski
Ester	Carrie Kuck
Swashbuck Valpariso	Glen Bechara
Sir Prize	Matt Condon
Sir Vival	Matt Lammers
Sir Cumference	Stephen Bargdill
Malforce	Eric Gabel
King Dumb	Tim Overley
Dacron	Mike Novean
Head	Lori Barber
Stage Manager	Ralph Wierwille
Set and lights	Philip Kuck
	Brent Lauth
Programs	Christa Henschen
Tickets	Beth Heidt
Directors	Mrs. Luanne Powell
	Mrs. Janean Overlander

Pep Club - Row 1: Laura Robinson, Jenny Horstman, Daniel Allen, Shannon Egbert, Gina Lepinski, Jill Leffel. **Row 2:** Monika Renfrow, Evan Williams, Sarah Gluckin, Glen Bechara, Jenni Pierson, Debby Bambauer. **Row 3:** Laurie Merges, Lori Barber, Heather Coffin, Heather Wietholter, Jennifer Wessel, Stacy Tinnerman. **Row 4:** Phil Kuck, Rachel Wilson, Tracy Hengsteler, Matt Lammers, Matthew Condon, Sheila Thompson. **Row 5:** Christa Henschen, Chad Elshoff, Angie Schrolucke, Lori Piehl, Carrie Kuck, Sandra Method. **Row 6:** Jonathan Lepinski, Beth Lammers, Amy Leffel, Deana Bower, Beth Heidt, Rebecca Franks, Shelby Webb. **Row 7:** Kristine Niemeyer, Amy Thompson, Lisa Wibbeler, Shelly LoMonaco, Angel Robinson, Jenni Eldridge.

German Club - Row 1: Beth Lammers, Matthew Gilfillen, Tori Webb, Jenny Horstman, Heather Coffin, Lori Barber. **Row 2:** Charles Williams, Samantha Merges, Lori Piehl, Carrie Kuck, Amy Leffel, Jenni Pierson. **Row 3:** Jennifer Wessel, Angie Schrolucke, Stacy Tinnerman, Laurie Merges, Scott Welch, Christa Henschen. **Row 4:** Rachel Wilson, Heather Wietholter, Thomas Lepinski, Monika Renfrow, Jeff Lehman. **Row 5:** Sandra Method, Beth Heidt, Glen Bechara, Lisa Wibbeler.

The Class of 1991 sports the latest looks in fashion. Actually, the students are participating in Nerd Day sponsored by the Pep Club.

Kindergartners Curtis Gabel, Becky Wierwille, and Tim Herbst show their school spirit by participating in Flipped Gender Day during Spirit Week.

Seniors Glen Bechara and Thomas Lepinski participate in a skit at a pep rally. Lori Barber, clerk, helps them find imaginary books about New Knoxville defeating opposing teams.

Changes in activities meet overall success

Fourth through sixth grade Foreign Language Week Dress-up Day participants, Jill Oltnouse, Joyce Homan, Pamela Vodermark, Lisa Homan, and Brenda Homan line up to be judged.

The 1987-88 school year held "first takes" for several clubs at New Knoxville. Whether these new activities were planned to increase club funds or encourage involvement, they were an overall success. The two new activities which were most successful, however, were the Kiss the Pig Contest sponsored by the FHA/HERO and the National Honor Society slave auction.

The Kiss the Pig Contest, which was held during the third nine weeks, was initiated in order to earn money for the state convention. At the beginning of the week, FHA members placed a can in each of the high school teachers' rooms as well as the office. At the end of the week, the teacher with the most money in his or her can would have to kiss a pig during an assembly. Mr. Charles Rowen won the dubious distinction (thanks to students who collected a total of $51.75 for the cause during lunch periods) with Mr. Greg Bornhorst coming in a close second and Mrs. Cheryl Davis trailing in third.

Held the last month of school, the National Honor Society slave auction raised $160 for scholarships. Each member of NHS was auctioned off by Lloyd "Red" Kuck during lunch for as much as $32 (Mrs. Oberlander). The buyers then had the use of slaves for an entire school day, providing they were paid for and activities didn't interfere with classes.

Another activity which differed from previous years was the German Club field trip. In the past, the German Club had taken an overnight field trip every other year. This year, however, the policy was changed to once every three years and students went instead to Amishville, Indiana.

No matter what the activity, all proved successful in accomplishing their purposes of either promoting school spirit, furthering education, or raising funds as well as mixing in just the right amount of fun.

— Jenni Pierson

"Eighty-nine, eighty-nine, eighty, eighty, eighty-nine!" The juniors show their school spirit by writing out their year of graduation at a pep rally. The juniors placed second in the contest behind the seniors.

"Whew, we made it!" Beth Heidt and Matthew Gilfillen look relieved while Debby Bambauer and Heather Wietholter still seem nervous during the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

"King for a Day," Mr. Charles Rowen accept the dubious honor of winning the FHA-spon sored Kiss the Pig Contest. All teachers were el igible, but students contributed the most $51.65, to Mr. Rowen.

"$4.25, $4.25?" asks Larry Hecht as he auctions off delicious, homemade treats at the FHA-Hero dinner.

Clubs: Enthusiasm or escape?

It is a typical Thursday afternoon at New Knoxville School. Students have just finished lunch and instead of going to fifth period as usual, they should be spending a thirty-minute period reading in their home rooms for a program called Right to Read. Upon entering the classrooms, however, one finds only five or six students scattered around the room. Where, one might ask, has everyone gone? Could it be a school-wide epidemic that has caused the disappearance of so many?

Upon closer examination, however, we find that the only "epidemic" is an overwhelming eagerness to join one of the eight clubs at New Knoxville and that it is to club meetings which students have disappeared. Just what do these clubs offer that attracts so many students?

Whether you choose German Club, Pep Club or FHA, there is no doubt about it — participation in a club or organization definitely looks good on college and job applications. Some clubs, such as National Honor Society and Student Council, which elect their members are especially good references to colleges and may even help with scholarship opportunities.

One of the biggest reasons people join clubs is to get out of Right to Read. "I joined German Club to get out of Right to Heave and to be able to interact with students I have something in common with," commented Glen Bechara of his motives for participation.

Other reasons for participating include further education and fun. As Evan Williams stated, "I joined German Club because I wanted to enhance my knowledge of Germans and their community and also to have a good time." Whatever the reason for joining, though, clubs can be a fun and educational experience.

— Jenni Pierson

Mrs. Janean Oberlander, Mrs. Joan Kentner, and Mrs. Thelma Arnett show down during the FHA faculty breakfast, an annual event during FHA/Hero Week.

National Honor Society. Row 1: Beth Heidt, Beth Lammers, Christa Henschen. **Row 2:** Gina Lepinski, Rachel Wilson, Heather Coffin, Debby Bambauer. **Row 3:** Heather Wietholter, Chad Wyatt, Brett Fledderjohann, Matthew Gilfillen. **Row 4:** Jeff Lehman and Lori Barber.

FHA/Hero. Row 1: Sandra Method, Jenny Schafer, Deana Bower, Sheila Thompson. **Row 2:** Jennie Leffel, Beth Heidt, Cindy Clune, Amy Thompson, Rebecca Wessel, Shelby Webb, Betsy Hoelscher. **Row 3:** Larry Hecht, Gina Lepinski, Lisa Wibbeler, Debby Bambauer, Darlene Rupert. **Row 4:** Beth Lammers, Lori Barber, Jenny Horstman, Jill Leffel, Ben Schrolucke.

Rachel Wilson, Heather Coffin, Jeff Lehman, and Gina Lepinski receive their roses from NHS president Christa Henschen during the induction ceremony.

Lori Barber taps Heather Wietholter for National Honor Society during choir.

Band - Row 1: Sherry Sias, Darlene Rupert, Beth Lammers, Debby Bambauer. **Row 2:** Rebecca Wessel, Michelle Vicroy, Betsy Hoelscher, Stacy Tinnerman, Michelle Sias. **Row 3:** Jennifer Wessel, Chad Wyatt, Christa Henschen, Kristine Niemeyer, Emily Egbert, Ben Schrolucke. **Absent:** Dodi Hicks.

Chorus - Row 1: Debby Bambauer, Heather Wietholter, Deana Bower. **Row 2:** Gina Lepinski. **Row 3:** Beth Lammers, Thomas Lepinski, Danny Bader, Kristine Niemeyer, Michelle Sias, Kim Hardin, Sandra Method, Dodi Hicks.

For the past several years, the chorus has been composed of only females. This year, however, Thomas Lepinski and Danny Bader here performing at the winter music concert, joined nine girls

"Open wide and say AAAHH!" Danny Bader, Dodi Hicks, Kim Hardin, Sandra Method, Deana Bower, Gina Lepinski and Kristine Niemeyer are actually performing at the fall music concert.

Chad Wyatt concentrates intensely on the xylophone as he performs "Maple Leaf Rag" at the fall music concert.

Beth Lammers appears to be calm as she sings a solo part while Debby Bambauer waits behind her at the winter music concert.

The high school band and alumni unite as they perform a jazz version of "Jingle Bells," along with "On Wisconsin" and another concert piece.

School activities support community

When the New Knoxville Pep Band strikes up "On Wisconsin," the community comes to its feet giving its support to the school. Several organizations within the school give back in response to the community's enthusiasm: Pep Club, the pep band, National Honor Society and FHA/HERO.

At the beginning of basketball, the Pep Club with new adviser Mrs. Joyce Titus, aided by the cheerleaders, kicked off the season with a community pep rally. Coaches introduced their teams and talked about the upcoming season. This introduced the community to the idea that basketball season was starting again and began the flow of community spirit.

This year for the first time, the concert band was joined by the alumni-community band for a December 14, 1987, performance of the Winter Band Concert directed by Mr. Michael Epperly. Numbering fourteen, the adult band also joined the pep band at the February 27 home boys' basketball game against Waynesfield.

National Honor Society requires itself to perform at least one service project per year. Mrs. Janean Oberlander, second-year adviser, has led the group through two community service projects. In 1986-87 the 1947 boys' basketball team returned to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of their becoming state basketball runners-up. Addressing a current teenage problem, the organization provided a speaker on drinking and driving to a student audience in 1988.

Other than giving banquets, attending meetings and donating money to Children's Hospital, the New Knoxville FHA/HERO members also provide local service. In October the members of the local chapter dressed up in Halloween costumes and delivered cookies to shut-ins throughout the community.

— Lori Barber

Leadership: A Challenge

Regardless of what organization you are in or what office you hold, club leadership has many benefits to it. Of course, leadership positions look good on college, job, and other applications, but another benefit that may not be so obvious is the experience such a position could give one.

Working easily with other people is an important skill to learn if you wish to succeed in anything. Giving the orders may seem like an easy job to many, but leadership requires responsibility as well as patience.

"It feels like I'm giving work out to everyone else instead of just going out and doing it myself. I have to be satisfied with how other people want to do things," said Jeff Lehman of his position as Junior Class president.

Another problem club officers are faced with is lack of interest and effort among club members. "People forget what is said in the meetings, and no one wants to take the initiative to do things. They're tired of the way things are, but when a new idea is brought up, no one really wants to listen," remarked Student Council vice president Glen Bechara.

It is often this type of attitude, not the officers themselves, that prevents clubs from having as many activities as they could. In fact, many officers work hard to promote new activities and fill in when work isn't being done.

"It's a challenge," commented Laurie Merges, yearbook editor. "I feel like I should try to have stuff in on time even if other people don't."

When leaders do fail, however, it doesn't help to criticize and complain. If you aren't satisfied with something, work to change it. After all, taking the initiative to do something is what being a leader is all about. — Jenni Pierson

Here, Daniel Allen with parents, Emogene and Howard Allen, participate in Parents' Night for cross country and volleyball, an event sponsored by Student Council.

While enjoying the Student Council-sponsored Homecoming Dance, Stacy Tinnerman, Laurie Merges, Queen Jill Leffel, Laura Robinson, and Jenny Horstman take a break from dancing to the '50s and '60s music.

Chad Wyatt takes a rare moment to relax while Lori Barber works diligently at the computer in publications class.

As beginners in publications, Lori Barber, Chad Wyatt, and Jeff Lehman work studiously on picture cropping.

After finishing the first step, designing the layout, Angel Robinson works on arranging and sizing her photos.

Jenny Horstman helps out the publications class by typing incoming Pulse articles.

Publications. Row 1: Rachel Wilson, Jeff Lehman, Angel Robinson, Jenni Pierson, Lori Barber. **Row 2:** Laurie Merges, Glen Bechara, Chad Wyatt.

Student Council. Row 1: Shannon Egbert, Jason Metzger, Samantha Merges, Jill Leffel. **Row 2:** Daniel Allen, Jenny Horstman, Kort Fledderjohann, Glen Bechara, Danny Bader. Not pictured: Shannen Braden and Laura Robinson

Runners enjoy winning season

The high school cross country team enjoyed a successful season this year by posting a 12-5 dual- and tri-meet record. In the process of accomplishing this feat, the varsity team defeated Coldwater for the first time in eight years, when sixth runner, Matt Condon, beat Coldwater's sixth runner to break a tie. Daniel Allen finished third in the contest while Kort Fledderjohann, Matt Schrolucke, Brian Lammers and Greg Metzger crossed the line in fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth place, respectively.

Another highlight of the season was a perfect score of 15 that the thinclads registered in two of their home meets. The Ranger runners placed fourth at the Ft. Loramie Invitational and fifth at the MAC meet in Coldwater. "I was pleased with the team's performance at Ft. Loramie," said Coach Jerry Merges. "They did a really nice job for running on such a tough course."

Coach Merges expects another successful season next year. With only three seniors graduating, he believes that there is a good nucleus for the succeeding team. "We had 17 runners on this years's team. If we can keep numbers like that, we can build a very strong cross country program at New Knoxville."

At the fall sports banquet, seven cross country members were awarded varsity letters.

— Laurie Merges

PLACE	WE	THEY	
2 of 3	39	St. Marys	26
3 of 3	60	New Bremen	85
		Anna	31
2 of 5	56	Ft. Loramie	31
		Ft. Loramie	21
		Houston	90
		Russia	114
1 of 3	30	Jackson Center	178
		New Bremen	34
1 of 2	28	Jackson Center	87
1 of 2	15	Parkway	31
1 of 2	15	Houston	50
4 of 10		Jackson Center	50
1 of 3	31	Ft. Loramie Invit.	
		Coldwater	31
2 of 2	30	St. Henry	31
9 of 12		Parkway	26
5 of 9		Coldwater Invit.	
		MAC	

Receiving Most Valuable Runner on the cross country team is a great honor, but to earn this recognition as a freshman is even more prestigious. Kort Fledderjohann receives the trophy for his efforts from Coach Jerry Merges.

Row 1: *Fred Homan, Matt Schrolucke, Kort Fledderjohann, Stephen Bargdill.* ***Row 2:*** *Matt Condon, Chad Wyatt, Chad Thobe, Chad Elshoff, Brent Lauth.* ***Row 3:*** *Eric Gabel, Daniel Allen, Greg Metzger, Terry Clune.* ***Row 4:*** *Brett Fledderjohann, Brian Lammers, Shawn Egbert, Scott Schroer, Coach Jerry Merges.*

Sophomore Matt Condon looks for the finish line in pursuit of a Ranger victory. The Rangers, however, managed only as good as a second place finish in the meet with St. Marys and New Bremen.

Daniel Allen fights off pain as he enters the final stretch of the cross country course. The NK leader finished third in this meet against St. Marys and New Bremen.

Senior Brett Fledderjohann completes the final stretch of the cross country course during a home meet against St. Marys and New Bremen. Brett was one of only three seniors on the 17-man team.

Using all of his energy, Brian Lammers escapes the cross country course "jungle" and heads for the finish line. He finished 11th in this meet with St. Marys and New Bremen. Brian was one of the Rangers' most dependable runners, finishing in the top five consistently.

"As a matter of fact, I do own the course!" Several cross country runners strive for position at the start of this race between St. Marys, New Bremen and St. Henry.

High school cross country runners Fred Homan, Matt Schrolucke, Brian Lammers, Greg Metzger, and Matt Condon receive a nutritional boost from FHA/HERO in the sack lunches prepared in home ec. class.

Carrie Kuck and Gina Lepinski demonstrate their defensive form. Carrie was used primarily as a server and back row player while Gina was used in various positions.

Gina Lepinski digs a spike while teammates Jill Leffel, Jenny Horstman and Angie Schrolucke prepare to make the next move.

Shannon Egbert spikes the ball as teammates wait prepared to return the block. Shannon successfully spiked the ball 68 times during the season. She has a 77 percent career spiking average.

Sophomore Gina Lepinski powers the ball over the net to the Van Wert Couragrs. She maintains a 95 percent serving average.

As back row players recover from the hard work, the front rushes into position to defeat Van Wert varsity. The Rangers won the Parents' Night game 15-7, 15-6.

Braden gives opportunities

Putting integrity over victory, Coach Charles Braden has earned varsity volleyball players' admiration for twelve years. Coach Braden believes the greatest rewards for his work are "to see ideas come to life and to give high school-age athletes opportunities for the future."

He recalls the 1979 season as the most memorable. The varsity Rangers won the New Knoxville Invitational. This victory served as a catalyst for their desire to win. The season of excellence led to a place in the district finals.

Although the 1987 season did not reach that height, Coach Braden enjoyed the teams. The youth of the varsity team concerned some fans, but seven of the thirteen losses went to top twenty teams, including state champions St. Henry.

Despite the 13-10 season, the Rangers' highlight was an astounding victory on October 3. The varsity team of eight traveled to the Shawnee Invitational to play a first game against Upper Scioto Valley, number two in the state, in Shawnee's newer gym. Mr. Braden believed the Rangers would make the finals, and by surprising Elida (16-14, 15-9), they garnered a first-place trophy.

Coach Braden envisions winning seasons for at least the next five years. "It looks like we will have enough talent and ability" in seasoned upperclassmen for good teams.

— Lori Barber

W/L	TEAM	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3
L	St. Marys	15-10	10-15	9-15
L	Marion Local	6-15	13-15	
W	Mendon Union	15-2	15-9	
Fairlawn Invitational 3rd Place				
W	West Liberty Salem	15-11	16-14	
L	Marion Local	9-15	9-15	
W	Ft. Loramie	15-10	14-16	15-10
W	Delphos Jefferson	15-1	15-8	
W	Minster	15-7	15-13	
L	New Bremen	14-16	5-15	
New Knoxville Invitational 6th Place				
W	Parkway	15-13	15-6	
L	Perry	7-15	15-17	
L	New Bremen	6-15	6-15	
L	Spencerville	15-7	7-15	15-9
W	Delphos St. John's	16-14	2-15	16-14
Shawnee Invitational Champions				
W	USV	15-5	11-15	15-13
W	Shawnee	15-8	15-7	
W	Elida	16-14	15-9	
L	Parkway	16-14	11-15	13-15
W	Van Wert	15-7	15-6	
L	St. Henry	0-15	10-15	
W	Coldwater	15-6	15-17	15-9
W	Ft. Recovery	9-15	15-9	15-11
Sectional				
L	St. Henry	5-15	5-15	

Sandy Leffel and daughter Jill, sole senior member on the volleyball team, participate in Volleyball and Cross Country Parents' Night. Jill went on to be named First Team All MAC.

Jennifer Wessel, Gina Lepinski, Shannon Egbert, Beth Lammers, Carrie Kuck, Coach Chuck Braden, Jodi Wyatt, Stacy Tinnerman, Angie Schrolucke, Jill Leffel, Jenny Horstman.

"Girls just wanna have fun." A few members of the varsity volleyball team enjoy some carefree moments during the junior high tournament at Ft. Recovery before leaving for their sectional tournament at St. Henry.

Junior varsity proves team slogan:

Tough and together

Sweat drips from the overhung brow of a freshman as she holds the ball steadily at eye level. Concentration is important as she launches the ball full force over the net. The front row of players hold their arms high, cringing for the impact of the ball about to strike. Bump-set-spike!

Red and gray have just scored another point in a chain of many points. Each point is as vehemently fought for as the last. Successfully, the team completed almost the whole year with a small but powerful team of six girls.

Sandi McCabe, a 1983 New Knoxville graduate, coached the girls. In Elida, the home of their only invitational, they led the field of competition by taking home the first place trophy. The final tally of 12 wins and only three losses for the year exemplifies the team's slogan "Tough and Together."

Chuck Braden, varsity volleyball coach, stated that the junior varsity's win at Elida with the best of the freshmen and sophomores absent must "really say something" as far as determination and pride are concerned.

— Rachel Wilson

Coach Sandi McCabe, Jennifer Wessel, Amy Leffel, Dodi Hicks, Jenny Horstman, Lori Piehl, Heather Coffin, Samantha Merges.

Junior Heather Coffin dives for the ball while the rest of the team stands guard to set and spike. This was one of the many saves in the victorious game with Van Wert.

The junior varsity team plans its strategy against Van Wert during a timeout. New Knoxville won 15-9, 14-6, 15-8.

Freshmen Jodi Wyatt and Carrie Kuck evaluate the Mendon game from the bench with Coach Sandi McCabe.

Jodi Wyatt goes up strong for a layup in the Anna game. The young Lady Rangers, who finished the season with a 2-17 record, dropped this contest to the Rockets, 39-17.

Sophomore point guard Jennifer Wessel penetrates inside for an easy shot.

Freshman Lori Piehl shows her concentration on shooting a free throw. She received the junior varsity's Most Improved trophy at the winter athletic banquet.

Jodi Wyatt, Carrie Kuck, Amy Leffel, Beth Heidt, Lori Piehl, Debby Bambauer, Jennifer Wessel, Coach Mindy Settlage. ***Not pictured:*** *Sandra Method.*

Despite poor record

Girls gain experience

"This year was a learning experience which will hopefully result in winning seasons in the future," said reserve basketball player Jodi Wyatt.

The junior varsity girls' basketball team didn't win many games, but wins weren't their main goal. "We looked more at improvement than at wins," said Coach Mindy Settlage.

The team was young and low in numbers as in recent years. This year the team consisted of four freshmen and three sophomores. All four freshmen were starters.

Coach Settlage said that the girls this year had more ability and had better attitudes. There is a "good nucleus" for a successful basketball team. Some experience and practice should provide for a fantastic team in the near future.

— Chad Wyatt

Row 1: Jodi Wyatt, Amy Leffel, Laura Robinson, Shannon Egbert, Jennifer Wessel. Row 2: Coach JoAnn Bambauer, Stacy Tinnerman, Debby Bambauer, Jenny Horstman, Jill Leffel, Laurie Merges, Kristine Niemeyer.

"It's mine!" Jenny Horstman struggles to gain possession of the ball from a St. Marys opponent. Jenny received such post-season honors as Second Team Leaderland, Honorable Mention MAC, and Most Valuable Player.

Bambauer enjoys coaching despite losses

The varsity girls' basketball team once again found themselves under the guidance of a new head coach this year. JoAnn Bambauer became the fourth new coach in four years for the Lady Rangers.

Bambauer, who graduated from New Knoxville as the Lady Rangers' all-time leading scorer (later surpassed by Jill Henschen), returned to New Knoxville in the summer of 1987. She applied for the coaching job because "I always enjoyed playing in high school, and I thought I'd like to coach some day."

With four returning letterwinners and some talented underclassmen, the season looked as if it could be a good one for the Lady Rangers. But a lack of concentration and turnovers proved to be the biggest nemeses for this inconsistent team, which compiled a 2-20 record.

The Lady Rangers pulled together when it counted, however, as they defeated Lima Perry in the opening round of the Division IV sectionals, 47-44. Spencerville then pulled the plug on the girls' season by defeating them, 70-55, in the sectional finals.

Bambauer said she is definitely interested in coaching next year. "I'm willing to put forth the effort as long as I know the team is."

— Laurie Merges

WE		THEY
49	Waynesfield	52
40	Botkins	47
37	Marion Local	55
26	Ft. Loramie	64
48	Mendon	38
58	Anna	77
48	Celina	68
29	St. Marys	52
29	Minster	56
37	New Bremen	61
39	Spencerville	55
49	Delphos St. John's	55
60	Wapakoneta	73
41	Parkway	77
34	New Bremen	52
46	Shawnee	49
33	St. Henry	67
48	Jackson Center	49
41	Coldwater	89
35	Ft. Recovery	81
	Sectional	
47	Lima Perry	44
55	Spencerville	70

"According to the possession arrow, that should be our ball!" Coach JoAnn Bambauer pleads her case to an unsympathetic official.

Laura Robinson, Stacy Tinnerman, Debby Bambauer and Laurie Merges display their 2-1-2 defense against Anna. The Lady Rangers failed to stop the Rockets, however, as they won 77-58.

Jill Leffel gets ready to cut inside on an in-bounds play. Leffel was restricted to limited playing time because of a broken arm.

Sophomore Stacy Tinnerman penetrates inside during the Coldwater game. She was the starting point guard for the Lady Rangers.

Senior forward Laurie Merges goes "belly-up" for two during a game with Minster. Merges was named First Team Leaderland and Honorable Mention MAC.

Shannon Egbert attempts to block a shot during the Anna game. Only a sophomore, she was named Honorable Mention Leaderland and the team's Miss Hustle.

Players appreciate cheerleaders

"Milkshake, tummy ache, booga wooga woo. C'mon girls, we're pulling for you!"

After doing this cheer for the varsity girls' basketball team before their first tournament game, the varsity boys' basketball team found out that they don't have what it takes to be cheerleaders.

Cheering isn't all the cheerleaders do though. Writing from a player's point of view, I can see all the other things they do for the team. One of the many things they did was provide the team with cupcakes after, and sometimes before, the games. They occasionally decorated the locker room for some of our home games. They also did a good job of firing up the student body at pep rallies.

The varsity basketball team really appreciates all that the cheerleaders do. But the biggest way they help is keeping the crowd into the game and cheering. Although sometimes it's very hard for them to accomplish this, they do a good job of it.

It's much more fun to play in front of a bunch of cheering fans than a bunch of deadbeats waiting to leave the game early.

— Jeff Lehman

Some cheerleaders, like freshman Am Leffel, are especially busy during basket ball season. Not only did she cheer for th 20 reserve games, but she also played i 19 reserve girls' basketball games.

Varsity: Shannon Egbert, Christa Henschen, Debby Bambauer, Lori Barber.

"Hot rock, excite!" Junior varsity cheerleaders Amy Leffel and Stacy Tinnerman "do it right!" during a time out against Mendon Union.

Jodi Wyatt cheers on the Rangers in between quarters.

"Now everybody cheer on this one," exhorts cheerleading adviser Lisa Thobe during a pep rally.

At a pep rally Christa Henschen, lone senior cheerleader, instructs the school on how to cheer.

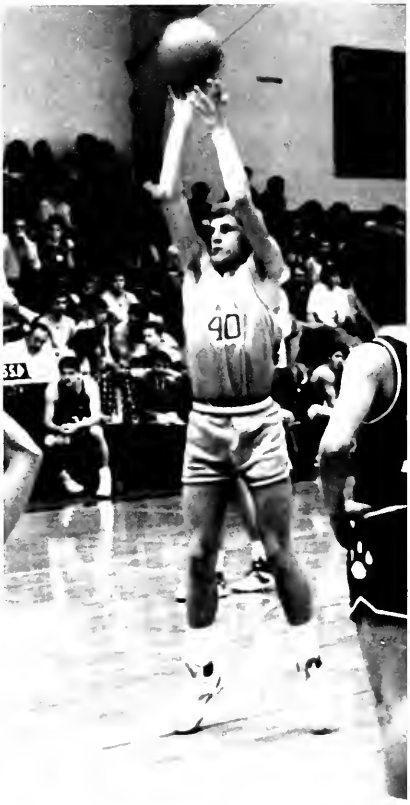
Shannon Egbert displays her gymnastic ability as she executes a forward flip in the cheer "Positive Proud" while Debby Bambauer and Lori Barber do their part of the cheer.

Shannon Egbert, Lori Barber and Debby Bambauer do their "Ranger Salute" between quarters.

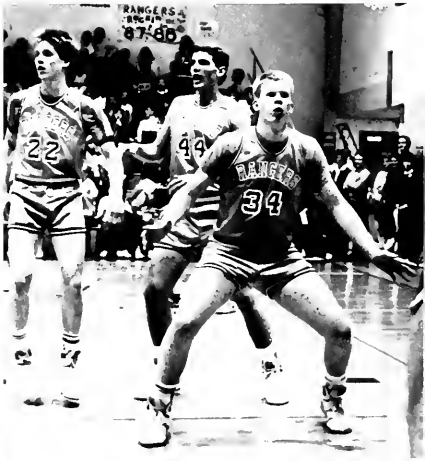
Reserve: Carrie Kuck, Stacy Tinnerman, Sarah Gluckin, Jodi Wyatt, Amy Leffel.

Senior Brian Lammers releases a free throw during a home game against Houston. The Rangers lost the game, 61-42.

Senior Shawn Egbert lays one up in the Homecoming win against Botkins, 53-49. Shawn won the 3-D award (Desire, Determination, and Dedication) for the year.



The varsity team huddles around Coach Dennis Henschen during a time-out in the Waynesfield game. The Rangers won the contest, 64-62.



Junior Jeff Lehman and senior Phil Kuck communicate on defense during the New Bremen game. The Rangers lost the close game in overtime, 47-46.

Varsity faces unexpected enemies

The Ranger varsity basketball team seemed to have two major enemies this year, neither of which were the opposing team.

One of these was the third quarter. In many of their games, they hit the locker room at halftime with a lead of four or six. However, the Rangers that had stepped onto the floor at the beginning of the game seemed to be gone. They would come out of the locker room and play physically and mentally slower.

By the time the fourth quarter came around they were back to normal. But in most cases, it was too late.

Even with the rough third quarters, they could have won many more ball games. One thing that a team can never compensate for is a bad field goal percentage. It doesn't matter how well a team plays defense and rebounds if they can't put the brown thing through the round thing.

As a team, the Rangers shot 34 percent from the field. Had that been 10 percent higher, the Rangers probably would have won over half of their games. Instead, they ended the season with a 3-18 record.

Although their record wasn't that impressive, they worked hard and never gave up. Probably the best part of the season was that the team was fairly young and got the needed varsity experience for years to come.

— Jeff Lehman

Matt Lammers shows his perfect form in the Rangers' 53-49 win over Botkins.

WE		THEY
47	Jackson Center	75
41	Anna	56
44	New Bremen	63
36	Marion Local	53
47	Mendon	45
42	Houston	61
56	Spencerville	73
36	Minster	54
53	Botkins	49
46	New Bremen	47
53	Fairlawn	67
43	Delphos St. John's	74
62	Parkway	64
49	Fort Recovery	83
54	St. Henry	73
42	Fort Loramie	78
69	Coldwater	73
55	Russia	56
55	Fort Recovery	71
64	Waynesfield	62
Sectional		
51	Minster	63

Amidst a swarm of Mendon defenders, sophomore Kyle Schroer tries to find his way to the basket. The Rangers downed the Pirates, 49-47.

Matthew Condon, Shawn Egbert, Matt Lamers, Chris Tinnerman, Jeff Lehman, Phil Kuck, Evan Williams, Daniel Allen, Jonathan Lepinski, and Kyle Schroer.

JV boys' basketball: Preparing for the future

According to Dwain Meckstroth, junior varsity boys' basketball coach, the reserve basketball program is designed to do two things: institute the philosophy of the varsity program and prepare the young players for varsity action.

"The kids need to have time to learn how to run plays, break presses, and become familiar with the terminology of the game," Meckstroth explained. "Basketball has become more complex throughout the years, and the mental role of the game now plays a bigger part."

After they have honed their skills, the players start preparing themselves for the varsity team. In each game a player plays, he comes one step closer to bettering himself for the varsity team. "We want to prepare the kids for varsity, but not always in the same year. They should perfect all of their skills first before they are moved up." Meckstroth added.

He referred to basketball as "the lonely sport. The kids have to be willing to go out and play by themselves in the off-season. A sound program can help produce a good team, and if the kids practice, we can develop that kind of program."

— Laurie Merges

Sophomore Jason Briscoe tries to connect from the charity stripe in the game against Houston. The jv Rangers had a record of five wins and fifteen losses.

Row 1: Coach Dwain Meckstroth, Jeff Speckman, Chad Elshoff, Matt Schrolucke, Kort Fledderjohann, and David Tinnerman, manager. Row 2: Chad Thobe, Chad Wyatt, Brent Lauth, Jason Briscoe, Charles Williams, Richard Maurer, Terry Clune, and Darin Schroeder.

"If this is Charles, then where is my man?" wonders Matthew Condon as he and Charles Williams play against Mendon Union.

Freshman Jonathan Lepinski fires up a shot over a Houston defender.

Competition teaches

Competition is an important part of every person's life. Whether it be in school, at work, or in sports, everyone competes somehow. Playing sports in high school has an effect on one's life.

"I learned that you have to become totally committed to that sport and to your team," comments Jill Leffel, varsity volleyball and basketball player. She also believes differences should be put aside so the athletes can "be as one; a team."

Senior trackster, Thomas Lepinski says he "learned that no matter if you win or lose, you must always try to do your personal best. Then you can better yourself as an athlete and feel a sense of accomplishment."

— Rachel Wilson

Third baseman, Terry Clune, intently awaits for the ball to be played during a home game against Parkway. The Rangers upset the state-ranked Panthers, 4-1.

"Up, up, and away." Senior Brian Lammers gracefully soars over 39 inch hurdles in the 110 meter hurdles. In his senior year Brian was the team's leading hurdler.

Concentrating on the hoop, Jason Briscoe readies for the shot in the junior varsity's win against Mendon Union.

Sophomore Jennifer Wessel looks to pass inside against an Anna defender while teammate Amy Leffel prepares to cut towards the basket.

Jodi Wyatt, Heather Coffin, and Amy Leffel prepare for a serve in their game against Van Wert. The Rangers won this game.

Small teams full of talent

With only six girls and nine boys, the track team was a mere red spec when warming up at the big invitationals. Large teams chuckled when the Rangers arrived in the school van instead of a school bus. But a lack of numbers didn't keep this team from performing its best and placing very respectfully in large meets.

Sophomore Shannon Egbert led the girls' team, capturing the Most Valuable Runner trophy and leading the team in points. Egbert also qualified for the state meet for the second consecutive year in the long jump, and she also competed in the high jump at the state level for the first time.

The Lady Rangers also received strong performances from senior Laurie Merges in the discus and shot put as well as the 100 meter dash and the 100 meter hurdles. Junior Jenny Horstman also helped the team with her consistency in the shot put.

After four years of hard work, Brian Lammers was rewarded by qualifying for the regional meet in the 110 meter hurdles. Lammers also scored the most points on the boys team and captured the Most Valuable Runner award. Although the team didn't fare as well in most of the meets, many members set personal bests in their events.

—Laurie Merges

Girls' Track

PLACE	WE		THEY
2 of 2	46	Parkway	69
4 of 4	37	New Bremen	91
		W. Liberty Salem	83
2 of 3	46	Waynesfield	25
		New Bremen	80
2 of 3	42	Sidney Lehman	38
		Ft. Loramie	84
2 of 3	42	Ft. Recovery	37
		Marion Local	76
10 of 17	20	Sidney Lehman	41
2 of 3	31	Minster Invitational	
		Minster	101
3 of 3	31	Houston	21
		Coldwater	70
2 of 2	56	St. Henry	62
3 of 4	45	Jackson Center	61
		Ft. Loramie	82
		Russia	73
7 of 9		Houston	34
12 of 13		MAC	
22 of 33		Districts	
		Regionals	

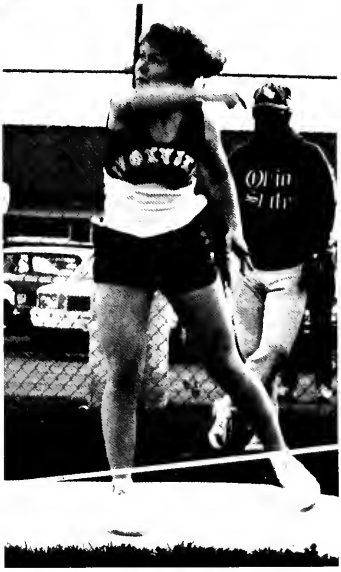
Boys' Track

PLACE	WE		THEY
2 of 2	39	Parkway	89
4 of 4	28	W. Liberty Salem	92
		New Bremen	62
3 of 3	27	Waynesfield	47
		Sidney Lehman	65
2 of 3	51	New Bremen	56
		Ft. Loramie	72
3 of 3	30	Ft. Recovery	33
		Marion Local	79
13 of 17	1	Sidney Lehman	52
3 of 3	13	Minster Invitational	
		Minster	120
3 of 3	17	Houston	34
		Coldwater	109
2 of 2	44	St. Henry	38
4 of 4	18	Jackson Center	79
		Houston	100
		Ft. Loramie	83
8 of 9	12	Russia	35
13 of 14	4	MAC	
		Districts	

Senior Thomas Lepinski struggles to leap over the 39-inch hurdle that stands between him and the finish line.

Shannon Egbert intensely prepares to clear a hurdle at the district meet in Minster. Although her efforts in the hurdles ended here, she went on to take fourth place in both the long jump and high jump at regionals.

*Boys' track team - **Row 1:** Thomas Lepinski, Stephen Bargdill, Scott Welch, Fred Homan, Scott Schroer, Chad Elshoff. **Row 2:** Greg Metzger, Brian Lammers, Matt Lammers, Eric Gabel, Daniel Allen, Coach Jerry Merges Jr.*



Senior Laurie Merges unleashes the discus at the MAC meet in Minster. She was awarded a plaque and a felt certificate at the spring sports banquet for lettering in track four years.

*Girls' track team - **Row 1:** Sandra Method, Angie Schrolucke, Shannon Egbert. **Row 2:** Heather Coffin, Heather Wietholter, Jenny Horstman, Laurie Merges, Rachel Wilson, statistician.*

Heather Wietholter focuses on the finish line during the 1600 meter run at the MAC meet.

Senior Brian Lammers attempts to clear the high jump bar. Lammers set a school record by clearing 6'2".

Chris Tinnerman, Richard Maurer, Kort Fledderjohann, Terry Clune, Chad Thobe, Jonathan Lepinski, Matt Schrolucke and Chad Wyatt intensely watch the game from the dugout.

Chris Tinnerman is all smiles as he is greeted with low-fives at the plate. Tinnerman, along with teammates Chad Thobe, Kyle Schroer, Matthew Condon and Brent Lauth, was named Honorable Mention MAC.

Freshman second baseman Kort Fledderjohann anticipates the ball during the Parkway game.

Mark Lageman, who hit his first home run this year, gets an early jump as he heads toward third base.

Shortstop Matthew Condon positions himself to make a catch. He was one of six sophomores on the team.

Team improves with better hitting

With only one senior and two juniors, the baseball team was very young this year. However the team was young last year also, so many of the players were returning lettermen.

"Most of us had more experience. We had a year of experience from last year, and we had most of the players back. We played with more intensity because we knew we had a chance to win," said sophomore Kyle Schroer, most valuable player.

The result was seven victories including a 4-1 win over last year's state champs, Parkway.

"We played better defense. Overall we were a lot better than last year, especially when we beat Parkway and Marion Local," said sophomore Terry Clune.

"We played more as a team. We pitched and hit better," said junior Chris Tinnerman. Among the improved hits were one home run from senior Mark Lageman and four from Tinnerman.

"We started to hit more in the middle of the season and if we could've done it all year, we could've been about .500," commented sophomore Matt Condon.

The team improved their league record, finishing 3-6 in the MAC, beating Parkway, Mendon and Marion Local.

— Jeff Lehman

WE		THEY
2	Fairlawn	6
2	Riverside	5
4	Lima Perry	3
4	Marion Local	3
20	Mendon	4
6	Waynesfield	3
1	St. Henry	3
0	Minster	12
4	Lima Temple Christian	7
1	New Bremen	2
2	Ft. Loramie	18
1	Delphos St. John's	11
10	Botkins	7
4	Parkway	1
0	St. Henry (sectionals)	3
3	St. Henry	7
10	New Bremen	5
2	Coldwater	19
1	Ft. Recovery	7
5	Anna	11

Sophomore Brent Lauth warms up before the home game against New Bremen.

First baseman Jason Briscoe prepares to make the final out of the inning in the New Bremen game.

Row 1: *Matthew Condon, Terry Clune, Matt Schrolucke, Kort Fledderjohann, Chad Thobe.* ***Row 2:*** *Coach Joe Leffel, Chad Wyatt, Kyle Schroer, Jonathan Lepinski, Richard Maurer.* ***Row 3:*** *Chris Tinnerman, Jason Briscoe, Mark Lageman, Brent Lauth.*

An item popular among track members were the red and white running tights worn here by Eric Gabel as he prepares the sand pit for the long jump while Thomas Lepinski and Betsy Kruse observe his work.

Fashions:
yesterday returns

Fashion plays a big part in life. Each year one fad disappears and another takes its place. This year was no exception. According to some of this year's fashions, the early 60's have returned.

If you look through pictures or old yearbooks, you'll probably see your parents wearing some of the same things you are wearing today, such as Keds and bobby socks.

Back in the late 50's and the early 60's, the longer the skirt, the better it was. Now, long or short, it doesn't matter, but the mid-length is out.

Not everything looks like the past however. There's a new look — acid washed denim jeans, skirts, and jackets. One thing that has seemed to hold its popularity is long shorts.

Hair styles are also changing. Many of the girls prefer the long hair. Some of the more daring boys can be seen with their hair shaved above the ear in stripes. Also, the flat tops from the 60's have returned along with the military look known 30 years ago as the butch.

But clothes and hair styles aren't the only fads; games also run the popularity cycle. While Trivial Pursuit is fading, Pictionary is hot. Pictionary is a game very similar to the game show Win, Lose, or Draw but is played on a game board like Trivial Pursuit. The game requires creativity and the ability to draw quickly.

— Angel Robinson

Everyone has her own style. Denys Shupp sports a hat as Donna Kuck, Kim Hardin, and Rae' Sonya Storer enjoy their lunch.

Although Eric Gabel doesn't normally wear one, a few guys in the school find it fashionable to wear an earring. Angel Robinson, however, wears them in both ears.

Weekends

Weekend\wé kend n:\The period between the close of one school week and the beginning of the next.

The Webster's Dictionary definition just doesn't do the word justice. Consulting some experts on the subject gives a much more realistic view of weekends.

"Weekends are a time to blow off the rest of the world and do what I want. I party with my friends and see my boyfriend," commented Jill Leffel.

"They are what we live for. The only reason we go to school is to make it to the next weekend," said Kipp Katterheinrich.

Overall, when teenagers think of the word weekend, one other word comes to mind — PARTY! This gives us a chance to relax, unwind, and relieve the pressures of the school week and teenage life. Of course, along with this comes a chance to be with your friends and, as Matt Lamners put it, time to woo the girls."

— Jeff Lehman

PRACTICE

Practice, practice, practice. It's the difference between starting the team or sitting the bench, being first chair trumpet or on down the line, and knowing your lines on the night of the play or stumbling through them trying not to get embarrassed.

"I practice (basketball) with the attitude to improve my skills and work toward a winning team," said Jonathan Lepinski.

Most people try to practice with the same intensity and attitude as they do on the night of the game or performance. This helps them to constantly improve themselves instead of just putting in the time.

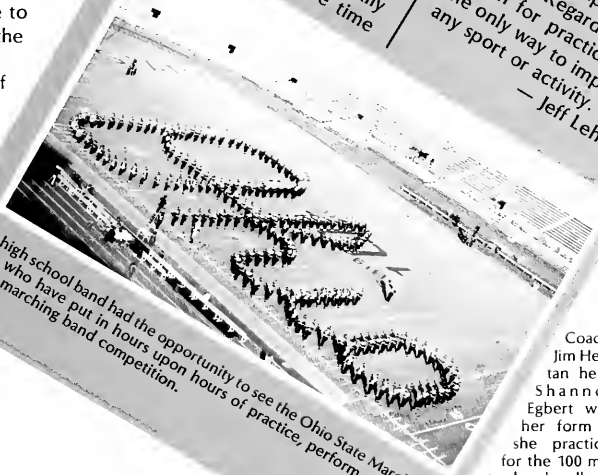
The practice that really helps, though, is the time spent individually. Different people practice on their own for different reasons.

"I practice (playing the trumpet) to stay good," commented Chad Wyatt, first chair in the high school band.

"Memorizing the lines was easy," said Mike Novean of his part in the play. "I needed to practice the emotions and stage actions."

Some people practice because they want to be the best. Others practice because they feel that they must to keep up with everyone else. Regardless of the reason for practicing, it is the only way to improve in any sport or activity.

— Jeff Lehman



The high school band had the opportunity to see the Ohio State Marching Band, who have put in hours upon hours of practice, perform at a high school marching band competition.

Coach Jim Heistan helps Shannon Egbert with her form as she practices for the 100 meter low hurdles.

Computer Generation

Today, many students are using computers to make things easier, to learn something new, or to just have fun.

There's a wide range of software available: word processors, spread sheets, data bases, learning programs, games, and much more.

For the past two years, the publications class has used a computer to create the text in the yearbook. "The computer makes it easier because it's more accurate," said yearbook adviser Mrs. Janean Oberlander.

Computers are also helpful in typing homework or research papers. It's faster, easier to correct mistakes, and a permanent copy of the material can be saved on a floppy disk. "I like them because they make my life easier," commented Matt Gilfillen.

"A lot of people are afraid of computers to start off, but it's easy once you learn how to use the program," said Mrs. Oberlander.

Computers are being used by more people every day and will eventually become a part of everyone's life.

— Chad Wyatt

During second period, senior Mike Novean enjoys "working" with a computer in his independent study class, Computers II.

Among high school students,

Study habits vary

Everyone that's ever been in high school knows the effect that studying, or a lack of studying, can have on a student's grades. If a student spends time and works hard in school, he will probably receive average-to-good grades. On the other hand, if a student doesn't study, it could adversely affect his grades.

According to a survey which some high school students completed, the time spent studying ranges from zero to sixty minutes each night, and the most popular place for the majority of students to study is in their bedrooms.

Some students said they study every night while some are like an anonymous senior, "I study only when there is a big test the next day." The subjects studied the most are English, math, social studies, and business classes.

When studying, students have various methods. Many prefer to study the easier homework first and then move on to the more difficult work. Senior Heather Wietholter said, "I like to get the easy stuff done first because it usually doesn't take very long. Then I can spend more time on the harder subjects." Others believe that the hardest-to-easiest method is better while many students said they have no particular order in which they study.

Most students don't particularly enjoy studying, but they realize that it must be done. Mike Novean commented, "I don't like studying, but if it is a subject that I like and something that I want to do, it isn't such a drag." Studying is just one of life's necessary evils that must be done.

— Laurie Merges

Tests! Ugh!

"I'm so nervous!"
"Don't worry. It's no big deal."
"But it's the final exam!"
"Just chill out. Everything will be fine. You know the material. We studied last night."
"But when the paper's in front of me, I'll forget it all. I always do."
"Just relax!"

This is a typical conversation between two students before an exam. Taking tests can be either a stressful and nerve-racking experience or a part of life. There are basically two types of test-taking students: those who cram the night before and then freak out and forget everything when the time comes, and those who study, stay calm during the exam, and do well.

Besides studying, the most important thing about test taking is staying calm. "I don't get nervous. I briefly study the material and then tackle the task at hand. Staying calm helps me, and I generally do well on tests," said senior Mark Lageman of test taking.

Not everyone remains calm, however. "I get nervous and try to study as much as I can before the test. During the test my mind goes blank, and I can't remember what I was just studying — I flunk the test," said junior Angel Robinson of many of her test-taking experiences.

Sweaty palms, butterflies in the stomach, and blank minds often haunt everyone at one time or another, but there is a solution. Staying calm and in control is not as difficult as it seems. The most important thing one can do is reassure nimself that he knows the material and to know that the best technique is not just cramming, but daily preparation.

— Glen Bechara

"Just stay calm," says senior Mark Lageman to himself when he finds out there's an advanced math test that he didn't know about.

Whadda ya say?

"Hey Babe, wha's up?"
"Not much; I'm just chillin'."
"Well, I'm dead. I just flagged a geometry test."
"Ouch, that bites."
"Oh well, it ain't no thing."

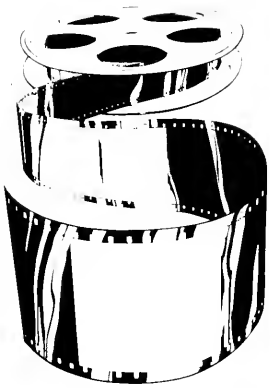
A person walking down the halls of New Knoxville School could very easily encounter a conversation like this. The slang expressions have replaced normal words and have become part of teens' everyday language. What used to be "groovy" is now "special," and many things "kinda make ya' wonder."

Sympathy is a dying trait, too. Instead of people responding with a casual and sincere concern, you now hear heartwarming expressions like "Oh well," "You'll have that," or "That'll happen." One expression that really helps build self-confidence is the facetious statement "Ask me if I care."

Most of these expressions have been picked up from movies, television, or other people. The popular question, "Well, isn't that special?" was first used by "The Church Lady" on *Saturday Night Live*. Other expressions, such as "groovy Marsha," are a mocking remembrance of the days of *The Brady Bunch* and the language of that time.

As each year goes by, the sayings and expressions of that year will eventually be replaced by more modern and "hip" phrases. Future generations will develop their own slang and may possibly even mock our language of today.

— Laurie Merges



What's your best excuse?

I was planning to do my homework in economics, but hearing Mr. Rowen talk put me to sleep.
— Heather Coffin

It was raining real hard and I had to pull over.
— Kristine Niemeyer

I was home; you just didn't hear me come in.
— Jenny Horstman

I was studying for a test, and I was too brain dead to do my homework.
— Glen Bechara

Excuses!!!

"I did it, but I left it at home."

"My dog ate it."

"It's in my locker."

"I can't find it. Okay, who stole my homework?"

Excuses, excuses, and more excuses. One of the most common diseases among high school students is excusitus.

When it comes to making up excuses, N.K. students are experts. Inventing stories, some believable, some unbelievable, for most students has become a part of life. Sophomore Sarah Gluckin says, "Excuses? I use them all the time. I know everyone else does, too. The ones I use the most are I left it at home,' and It's in my locker, but sometimes I get real original and I dream up this outrageous story."

Even though excusitus is a widespread disease, it seems students are being cured. "My freshman students don't use excuses anymore," said Mrs. Joan Kentner. "I collect the homework; they either have it or they don't."

Art teacher Mrs. Joyce Titus, however, feels tha students are still strongly in fected with the disease During the Christmas sea son, her fine arts student were to create edible work of art. When the project were due, Mrs. Titus re ceived a myriad of excuses I got hungry and ate it o the way to school. My do ate it. It melted. My friend ate it for breakfast.

Do all these outrageou excuses serve a purpose No. The majority of teach ers hear the excuse, no their heads, and put a zer in the grade book. Ther why all the excuses? "Th students use them as a self defense mechanism to pro tect themselves. The ex cuses help alleviate thei guilty conscience," sai Mrs. Titus.

So, actually, all the excus making isn't really worth it Except for making student feel a little better about no handing in an assignment excuses are useless. Hope fully, as the years go by, de grees of responsibility wil increase, and the degrees o excusitus will decrease.

— Glen Bechar

Most memorable moments

Could this be Curious George in physics? Nope, it's Phil Kuck involved in a heated banana-throwing match.

When asked what your most memorable moment of the past year is, your mind draws a blank for a second. But then, you have it . . .

"I remember when we (the girls' volleyball team) won the Shawnee Invitational by knocking off Elida. And then the Shawnee boys' soccer team walked in while we were taking showers . . . and they wouldn't leave!"

But wait. How can you narrow it down to just one moment?

"I'll never forget last summer when we went to the Coliseum to the Night Ranger concert. That was the first concert I'd ever been to."

Sometimes it's a serious moment — one that changes your life.

"What about when I signed the contract to enlist in the United States Marine Corps?"

Sometimes it's not so serious. Just something that is so stupid you'll never forget it.

"One night after a party, a few friends and I decided to go to Fort Wayne just for the heck of it. We left at about 12:30, went to Dunkin' Donuts while we were there, and got home at about a quarter 'til five."

Maybe there isn't such a thing as a single most memorable moment. There is one to start out with, but then there is another, and another, until there is a huge list. These memories may vary from being inducted into the National Honor Society to going into Pantry Pride in St. Marys to buy $20 worth of generic toilet paper.

It's hard to believe all of this happened in just one year! Undoubtedly, this year was filled with more than its share of most memorable moments.

— Jeff Lehman

OVERLOAD Busy schedules put pressures on students

"You look tired. What time did you get to bed last night?"

"About 1:00."

"You're kidding. Why were you up so late?"

"Well, I had practice, then I had to work. When I got home, I had to do my homework."

A conversation similar to this is familiar among high school students who work to keep their grades up while they are involved in extracurricular activities. Whether involved in sports, jobs, school, or clubs, the student must find time to do his homework as well as his extracurriculars. "You have to learn to budget your time," says senior Christa Henschen. "Sometimes it requires sacrificing other opportunities, but if you work hard enough, you'll be rewarded in the end."

If a student wants to participate in an extracurricular activity, he must first keep his grades up. But the students who obtain good grades while involved in many activities are the ones who stand out. They are the select few who do make the sacrifices, such as losing sleep, to achieve these grades. "A lot of it has to do with pride," explains Henschen. "Some people are satisfied with average grades and don't work any more than they have to. But some people work hard and pride themselves on how well they do in class. They always find the time to do their work."

Extracurricular activities provide a different aspect of school. But unless they are balanced evenly with academics, they could harm a person's grades. If students learn to budget their time, though, they can succeed in both academics and extracurriculars.

— Laurie Merges

Spring was a busy time of the year for Tim Overley who was involved in the school play and also works at Happy Humpty.

"Who goes to school?" asks Barry Kuck. He' actually participating in a conservation clas project to estimate the fish population of Man beck's pond.

Essay: School — an opportunity not to be missed

When I first started interviewing people for this article, I got a lot of blank looks and sarcastic remarks about the importance of school. The attitude of everyone I talked to reminded me of a sign on Mr. Braden's bulletin board: "Three good things about school: June, July and August." Even I was at a loss for words until I happened to read a passage in my world history book about an African student's search for knowledge.

The young man, who had been lucky to even go to high school, decided to attend college in America, but had no money for travel expenses. Instead of giving up, however, he decided to walk from southern Africa to one of the northern parts. After two years of walking across Africa, he was able, with the help of friends in the United States, to fly to America and graduate from college four years later.

This story may seem foolish to some of us who have enjoyed life in New Knoxville where most people have a fairly high standard of living, but to those who aren't able to enjoy the same high standard, education is important. Few of us have gone hungry or been without food or shelter for even one night, and we take our lifestyle for granted. One thing we especially take for granted is education because we don't think of it as an opportunity, but rather as an evil required by law.

Maybe, as Thornton Wilder suggests in *Our Town*, people will never realize what they have until it's gone. It is up to all of us to at least try to change that by noticing the importance o the simple everyday things. That include school because once you give up an opportunity, it's hard tc get it back.

— Jenni Piersor

Sometimes Jeff Lehman and Lori Barber go to school to wash cars, which was a part of the National Honor Society's first slave day. The National Honor Society members, along with adviser Mrs. Janean Oberlander, were auctioned off by Red Kuck one Wednesday at noon. The following Friday, the obsequious "slaves" served their "owners" in any way their "owner" saw fit.

Brave students reveal unusual dates

Every now and then, something happens on a date that you will never forget. For some reason, whether it be strange, funny, or embarrassing, that date will always stick in your mind. Most people who have had these "interesting" dates were not willing to talk about them.

Jenny Horstman gives this account of an unforgettable date. "My boyfriend and I set our best friends up together at the last minute. My friend, my boyfriend, and I went first to a movie and then back to my boyfriend's house to meet his friend. We waited there for over an hour before he finally showed up. It ended up that our best friends didn't have that much in common at all. My boyfriend and I went upstairs while our best friends stayed downstairs where my boyfriend usually crashes. It wasn't exactly a good setting for the first date, and you can figure the rest out for yourself."

Jenni Pierson remembers the following date. "My boyfriend and I, his sister, and another guy went to the mall to shop and see a movie. After we got out of the movie, we walked around from store to store. We went into a tape store among other places and then we were ready to leave. Some guy walked up to us and asked to see our bags because someone had been shoplifting in the tape store. He searched through all of our packages and belongings, but we hadn't taken anything. After he was finished, we went back to the tape store, and my boyfriend's sister chewed out the manager for falsely accusing us."

— Jeff Lehman

Nothing appears to be unusual here for Jill Leffel and her date Brian Morgan of St. Marys. Jill was one of the few people to bring an out-of-town date to the FHA/HERO Halloween dance.

At the Movies

Comedy, drama, romance all popular at N.K.

Movies are very popular among students and teachers at New Knoxville. They spend a lot of time either at a movie theatre or sitting at home watching an older movie in their VCR's. Most of them don't have a hard time coming up with a favorite movie. The kind of movies enjoyed varies greatly.

Some like a realistic movie, one with a serious theme.

"*Platoon* showed what really happened during the Vietnam war. It showed how the soldiers had to live and how they had to fight to stay alive. It showed how they had to come home to where they had little respect because 'they lost.' But most importantly, it showed the truth," commented senior Phil Kuck.

Others like movies with lots of adventure, ones that have spectacular stunts.

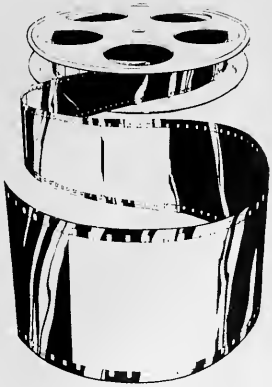
"My favorite movie is *Top Gun* because it's unbelievable how they can maneuver those jets going as fast as they do," said freshman Jeff Speckman.

Two of the most popular movies were *Three Men and a Baby* and *Dirty Dancing*.

"*Three Men and a Baby* is one of the funniest movies I've ever seen. The way the men handled the baby was so typical," commented Mrs. Janean Oberlander.

"My favorite movie is *Dirty Dancing* because Patrick Swayze looked excellent," said senior Jill Leffel.

— Jeff Lehman



Ads

What do Duane Stienecker and Neal Ray find so funny? The senior lunch table was always filled with lots of laughter.

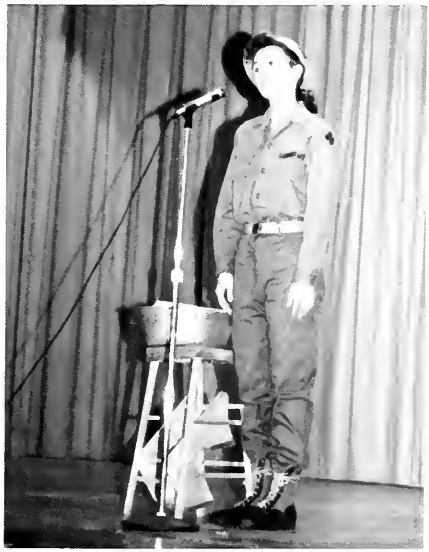
Everything in the store 20 to 50 percent off! Our store will sell it to you cheaper. The customer always comes first. Quality is our priority. Businesses never fail to come up with a persuasive slogan.

Decisions, decisions. There are so many different products and services to choose from. Our capitalist economic system centers around free enterprise. But then, what kind of choice would the consumer have without the businesses having some healthy competition?

Area grocery stores reap high profits when students partake in a fall ritual — toilet papering. Teachers seem to be frequent victims as the photo of Mrs. Janean Oberlander's house indicates.

Senior Matt Tester plays pinball at the Party Shop while juniors, Scott Schroer and Allen Schroer put on imaginary helmets awaiting their turn. The Party Shop is a popular hangout for local teens.

"Are you sure they'll have a cap big enough for his head?" asks Jill Leffel as Phil Kuck gets his hat size measured for a graduation cap. Herff Jones provides the school with caps and gowns while Jostens has the edge in class rings sales.



At the Fall Festival Queen Contest, an annual community event, junior Amy Thompson performs "Army Life." Amy went on to be crowned queen that evening.

"The agony of defeat." John Kuck and David Tinnerman look disappointed after losing to Houston by seven points in a cross country meet.

Jill Leffel, escorted by Phil Kuck, models her evening gown in the Fall Festival Queen Contest. Jill was one of three girls who competed this year.

"Hi, Mom!" Kristine Niemeyer dances for the audience at the Fall Festival Queen Contest. Talent was one area of competition. This year's three contestants were also judged in a street dress, an evening gown, and an interview.

Liz Wrocklage of Delphos and Heather Coffin take a break during the Halloween Dance. The dance was sponsored by the FHA/Hero members and their guests.

Education
EVERYTHING IS ONE

Party
SOME WILL HAVE FUN

Experience
SOME WILL LEARN FROM IT

Love
EVERYONE NEEDS SOME

Responsibility
MOST WILL ACCEPT IT

Material Things
MOST WILL HAVE SOME

Commitment
EVERYONE NEEDS ONE

Leisure
EVERYONE WANTS SOME

Direction
SOME WILL TAKE THE RIGHT ONE

Money
MOST WILL WANT SOME- MORE

Life
ONE NEEDS ONE

Success
SOME WILL FIND SOME

Time
LIMITED FOR EVERYONE

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"Give me an 'RI" cheer Jenny Horstman and Angie Schrolucke, varsity volleyball players at the junior high volleyball championships. The high school girls watched the junior high before the varsity Rangers left to play St. Henry in sectionals.

Eighth grader Emily Egbert enjoys a high school marching band competition that the band attended at OSU.

"Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" ask Matt Condon and Matt Lammers as they prepare for German II during seventh period.

POWER FOR ABUNDANT LIVING

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

II Peter 1:3

. . . it is God's Word which gives youths the knowledge they need regarding every phase of their life. . . .

Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille

THE WAY INTERNATIONAL

CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 1988

Jason Metzger, Kevin Lammers, Greg Wietholter, Josh Egbert and Toby Hardin enjoy the warm weather at the beginning of the cross country season as they await the start of their race at the Gun Club, the setting of the team's home meets.

Charles Williams and Kyle Schroer "chill out" while playing Scrabble in German II.

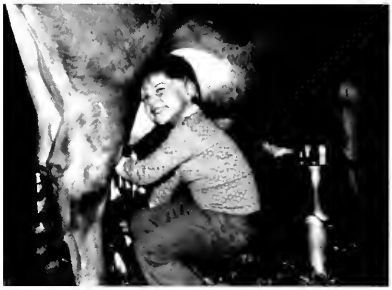
Thomas Lepinski, right, performs a patriotic medley including a spiced-up version of "The Star-Spangled Banner." His freshman brother, Jonathan, above, accompanies him on electric guitar. They were two of the many contestants in the community talent show at the Fall Festival.

Second-year contestant Amy Thompson prepares herself for the street dress competition at the Fall Festival Queen Contest.

Band director, Mr. Michael Epperly, realizes he's being watched as he explains a few marching band techniques at the Ohio State University, where the band attended a high school marching band competition.

"Detention!? It wasn't me!" exclaims Kipp Katterheinrich as he waits for lunch to end.

Junior Tim Overley eagerly waits for the lunch bell to ring at the end of chemistry class.



As cameraman for volleyball, Evan Williams gets a bird's eye view while taping the games for Mr. Chuck Braden's Rangers.

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The camera began rolling in August with the advent of the first day of school and did not stop until after graduation in May.

A significant part of the school year's success was due to supporting actors. Few people could start for a sports team, garner a starring role in the school play or be a superior scholar, but their cooperation and enthusiasm made shooting possible.

As the credits roll, the yearbook staff thanks those who contributed expertise, information and insight to the success of this production.

"Take One"
Produced by
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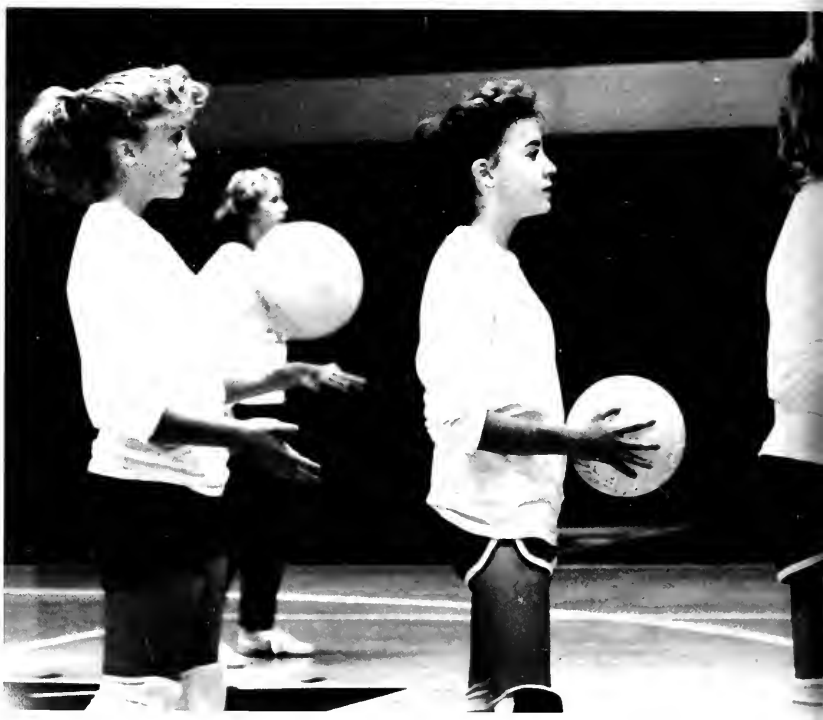
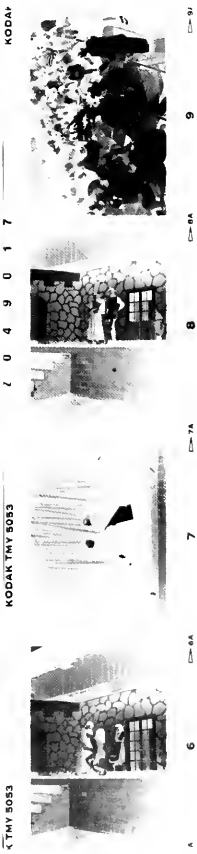
New Knoxville Local School
— Lori Barber

Above, Jenni Eldridge and Daniel Allen contemplate the repercussions of eating lunch in the cafeteria.

***Right**, preparing to spike, Sheila Speckman, Rachel Katterheinrich and Rebecca Wessel warm up before the game against Parkway during the junior high volleyball tournament on October 24. After winning against Coldwater, 15-0, 5-15, 15-1, the Ranger girls lost to Parkway 5-15, 11-15.*



Heather Wietholter with a mischievous grin entertains the thought of clothing the cameraman with a fake hamburger. This cake was one of the many clever and edible art projects in fine art.



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A

AIDS
"Everyone should be aware of the facts, but they shouldn't be afraid. Those people need love."
Jenni Pierson, junior

B

Bork for court
"I would be concerned about "Bork Barrel" legislation."
Mr. Charles Rowen, social studies

Usually hidden sisterly love shows through at graduation when junior Angel Robinson congratulates graduating sister Laura Robinson. They are flanked by Terry Shupp and Julie Schroer.

C-D

Def Leppard
"The highlight of the concert was to see Rick Allen jam with only one hand."
Thomas Lepinski, senior

E

Exams are worthwhile . . .
" . . . as long as the teacher doesn't try to prove he knows more questions than the students do answers."
Mr. Charles Braden, mathematics

F

Fridays
"The best thing about Friday is looking ahead to the weekend."
Matthew Gilfillen, junior

G

Grades
"If a person doesn't want to do his work, it doesn't matter as long as it doesn't hurt someone else."
Lori Barber, junior

H

Hot spots
"Razzmatazz is always a lot of fun. That's where all the guys are!"
Laura Robinson, senior

Jimmy Swaggart

J "Ye who is without sin cast the first stone."

Matt Lammers, sophomore

Kansas Jayhawks

K "Danny Manning was awesome. The team played well, but Manning was the key in the upset of Oklahoma."

Laurie Merges, senior

"Lloyd, isn't there a law against selling your wife?" Principal Annett Kuck appears to ask her auctioneer/husband during the National Honor Society Slave Auction. The entire auction netted $160 that went toward National Honor Society Scholarships.

Laziness

L "Lazy people are a real pain because a person can't count on them for anything."

Name withheld

Magnum P.I.

M "I hate the fact that he (Tom Selleck) is leaving. He's a babe."

Tracy Hengsteler, junior

Oreo cookies

N-O "They have to be dunked in milk to be any good whatsoever."

Jeff Lehman, junior

P

Pat Paulsen
"He may be a comedian who takes things lightly, but the things he says are so true it's almost scary."
Rachel Wilson, senior

Q-R

Pat Robertson
"I think he ought to stick to his preaching."
Mrs. Joyce Titus, art

S

Smoking
"Surgeon General Williams says that smoking is bad for your health."
Charles Williams, sophomore

T

"Thirty something"
"The dialogue, the attitudes and the events are all very real. In many ways it's like seeing ourselves."
Mrs. Janean Oberlander, English

U-V

Vice
"It's better not to do it, but if you do, don't get caught."
Angel Robinson, junior

W

Walter Payton
"He had a great career but a disappointing last game."
Matthew Condon, sophomore

Z

Toledo Zoo
I like the Pandas from China. I've never seen them before, and now I have a chance.
Jenny Horstman, junior

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